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Campaign: We join fight to oppose airport plans for estuary

By Chris Britcher

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THIS newspaper today comes out fighting to join the ranks of the thousands who oppose a plot to build a multi-billion pound airport in the Thames Estuary.

If the controversial proposals were to get the green light, we believe it could devastate the county we hold so dear.

With a public consultation due to get under way within weeks, we urge our readers to oppose the plans which would ruin our north Kent coastline, destroy important areas of wildlife, and transform parts of the county into a concrete jungle, blighted by heavy air traffic.

It may create jobs, but it will destroy huge swathes of Kent; forever.

We join the fight just as re-elected London Mayor Boris Johnson, who has championed the proposals, this week



made a direct plea to Prime Minister David Cameron calling for an estuary airport to be built, declaring now was a "moment for greatness".

Mr Johnson wants to shift the blight suffered by those under Heathrow's flight path to our doorstep.

Kent's top brass, which includes Medway and Swale councils – the authorities set to be hit hardest should any plans get the nod – welcomed our support of the campaign they have spearheaded.

They are currently looking to set up a meeting with Mr Johnson after he agreed to finally meet with officials in the county to discuss the plans for the

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FELINE FORGOTTEN

WAR HEROES: A colony descended from World War 2 RAF cats live on – SEE INSIDE

FARMING

Asparagus is hit by weather

FARMERS and suppliers say they are suffering this month as a result of the weather playing havoc with their crop of popular asparagus.

Kentish asparagus is renowned for being amongst the very best but is in short supply due to warm weather in March and rain in April. **PAGE 3**

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Prison report safety fears

A 'SURPRISINGLY' high number of prisoners at open jail Stanford Hill on Sheppey feel 'unsafe' according to the latest report by government inspectors.

It also revealed a host of other concerns but did say improvement work was already under way. **PAGE 9**

FOOTBALL

Seager turns down top job

FORMER hero Marc Seager has turned down an offer to become the new full-time manager of Ryman League Sittingbourne, despite taking over as caretaker boss last season.

Now the Brickies chairman Andy Spice is seeking the right candidate to replace out-going Joe Dowley. **PAGE 47**

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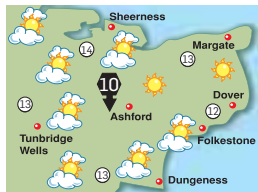
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TODAY: A fine and dry start. Then turning cloudier with an isolated shower possible, but brighter later. Gentle, variable winds. Max temp 11-14C (52-57F).

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Sign the petition to show you're against estuary plans

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first time. He only made the concession after this newspaper challenged him on it in the week before his election. Prior to that, he had constantly snubbed all efforts to hold face-to-face talks.

There are currently two proposals. One, put forward by renowned architect Lord Foster, would see an airport built on the Isle of Grain. Another, championed by Boris Johnson, and dubbed Boris Island, would be built on reclaimed land in the middle of the estuary itself.

Both would require an enormous amount of infrastructure and turn Kent into a building site for up to 20 years.

They would also devastate rare and protected wildlife on the north Kent coastline.

Rodney Chambers, leader of Medway Council, said: "We are extremely pleased your newspaper has committed to campaigning against an airport on or near the Thames Estuary."

"While it will not come as a surprise to many that a campaigning local newspaper such as yours is keen to fight for the homes of its readers and the communities they live in, I would like to congratulate you for doing this."

"The proposals for an estuary airport have been put forward by politicians and architects based in London – not Kent or Essex – and we are strongly of the view that these plans are unaffordable, unnecessary and unwanted."

"The Mayor of London has been one of the strongest advocates for an airport and we – as

well as other council leaders across Kent – have continually asked him for a meeting so that we can point out why the Thames Estuary is the very worst spot."

"We would like to thank your newspaper for getting him to agree to meet and talk about the airport and now the London mayoral elections are over we will be contacting his office to arrange that meeting."

"However, we are mindful that we also need to talk to government and ensure it hears why an estuary airport is a non-runner and why there are many other alternative ways to increase airport capacity without building a huge hub airport on the Kent coast."

"Medway will work with councils across Kent and Essex, as well as the RSPB and others,

to put forward the strongest possible message when the consultation opens."

Andrew Bowles, leader of Swale Borough Council, added: "The idea of an airport in the estuary, whether it is Boris Island or an airport on the Isle of Grain, would be an environmental disaster. Any scheme like this would radically alter and damage an important environmental area. I do not believe the airlines would support an airport in this situation and it is just a distraction from the real options that are available."

Gravesend Borough Council leader John Burden said: "The various schemes for airports in the estuary range from the tinpot to the crackpot. Where they are serious in intent they would come with an unbearably huge environmen-

tal price tag. I would urge the government to look elsewhere for its air capacity solution."

"Ever since the Cliffe marshes scheme a decade ago to Boris Island and the latest Hoo plan, airport projects have come and gone – but we have to ask ourselves whether the destruction of world class environmental and scientific sites and their neighbouring communities is a price even worth considering."

This week musician Jools Holland added his support to the campaign too – full story see page five.

■ Add your name to the protest. Sign the petition at www.stopestuaryairport.co.uk. And send us your views on the airport. Email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk and put 'airport' in the subject line.

TELEVISION

Help is at hand for the digital switchover

By James Benjamin

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SIX weeks to go before the digital TV switchover. Sittingbourne's community wardens have pledged to help ensure everyone is aware of the changes they need to make to keep watching their favourite shows.

The old analogue signal will start to be switched off on June 13, when the Blue Bell Hill transmitter group serving north and mid Kent goes digital.

It means all TVs must have a digital set-top box to continue viewing free-to-air channels like ITV and the BBC.

The wardens are urging everyone to check with family and friends to ensure they have taken the necessary steps for the switchover, and are backing the Helping Hand campaign to make sure every eligible elderly and disabled person in the area knows they can get help from the BBC-run assistance scheme to convert one of their TV sets to digital.

Help Scheme representative Dan Ni-

chols said: "We want to ensure every eligible person knows about the Switch-over Help Scheme, and, although we write to everyone individually we know some people need to hear things from a trusted voice before they take action."

"Many people turn to community wardens for advice and that's why they are so well placed to ensure older and disabled people know about the help available to convert one TV in time for switchover. We want to encourage everyone to lend a helping hand as you may be the one person they trust to give them good advice."

A number of Help Scheme events will take place over the area in the coming weeks. They include events today (Friday) at Sittingbourne Library between 10am and 11.30am, Faversham Library between 12.30pm and 2pm and the Help Scheme bus will be parked in Faversham town centre from 10am to 4pm.

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HELPING HAND: Community wardens are ready to help with the TV switchover

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FOOD

Asparagus crop grinds to a halt as weather spears its regular harvest

By Chrissie Daniels

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It only lasts a few weeks, but the weather has played havoc with this season's eagerly anticipated asparagus crop.

And one farmer, who grows the spears in Faversham, says production has come to a "standstill" while a Sheerness farm shop admitted it has been forced to buy out of the county.

The high temperatures in March prompted the earliest recorded harvest of small quantities of the outdoor crop.

But the rain and cooler temperatures in April slowed production almost to a halt.

Henry Bryant of DH Bryant and Partners in Hernhill, near Faversham, said his farm has produced "hardly any" asparagus this year.

He said: "We need temperatures in the high teens. We have lost a good week's sales so far from an eight-week season. It's at a virtual standstill."

Craig Condon from Bramble-down Farm Shop, Sheerness, said their shop tries to buy produce locally first, then from other parts of the country and if supply is really low they have to buy crops from abroad.

Mr Condon said: "At present, none of our local growers have any, last week we purchased from growers in Worcestershire which was rather spindly, but due to a lack of UK crop I was forced to buy Spanish crops in New Spitalfields Market, London."

"It is a last resort, but at least we have the product for our catering orders, as well as offer-



ing asparagus in our farm shop for our retail customers."

Mr Condon said that recent years have seen demand for asparagus increase by 10-15 per cent at his shop.

He added: "Locally grown asparagus will always command a higher premium over foreign sourced, regardless of yields. Asparagus is one of many items that our customers recognise as being of better quality, taste and shelf life if grown local, and I believe them to be correct."

The British supply is currently not at full volumes and

the annual British Asparagus Festival in the Vale of Evesham was cancelled due to the weather.

The long term forecast for May is not looking good but it does spread the asparagus supply more evenly throughout the season – this should provide more availability for the jubilee weekend.

Stefano Quanmos, of Macknade Fine Foods, however, said he hasn't had any problems with asparagus this year.

He said: "We have seen slower growth but the crops are still very good quality."

PAUSE: The drawn out bad weather has slowed down the growth of the county's asparagus

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Kids cuts off by tide

FOUR children had to be rescued by lifeboat crews after they were cut off by the tide on Sunday night.

The youngsters were reported to be in trouble just before 10pm after the tide cut them off at the base of Warden point. A lifeboat crew and helicopter swung into action. The children were eventually found at 10.35pm, cold and muddy.

They were airlifted to the top of cliffs and the care of the coastguard.

➔ Schoolyard is raided

TWO rare trikes were swiped from Borden Primary in School Lane last weekend after crooks forced open the gates and cut through a fence to access the youngsters' toys.

The bikes are not available to the public to buy and are worth around £150 each. The school are appealing for their return.

Anyone with information should contact the police on 101 or call Kent Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

➔ Crook starts jail term

A 21-year-old thug has been jailed for four years in prison for robbing a taxi driver in Selling last August and for a burglary in Whitstable.

David Brunger of Langley Road, Sittingbourne, had been part of a gang arriving at Faversham train station. They hailed a cab but when they reached Selling Road pulled the cab's handbrake and robbed the driver of £30 before running off. In addition to the Whitstable burglary he asked for 16 burglaries in Sittingbourne to be taken into account. He received 32 months for robbery and 16 months for burglary.

CRIME

Large fine for farmer who sprayed fruit crop with banned pesticide

A FARMER has been prosecuted for storing and using an illegal pesticide that was sprayed on a crop of pears.

David Stevens, from Sittingbourne, used Amitraz on the fruit despite the substance being banned in the UK since December 31, 2007.

Maidstone Magistrates' Court heard this week that routine monitoring by the Pesticides Residue Committee at Elm Farm, in Lower Halstow, on May 19, 2010, found traces of Amitraz on a batch of Comice pears recently treated by Mr Stevens.

A subsequent investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) revealed the agricultural pesticide, and others, were inappropriately stored for use.

They were stowed in a "haphazard and potentially dangerous manner", and many were unapproved and unlicensed.

Mr Stevens, of School Lane, Newington, pleaded guilty to three separate breaches of the Control of Pesticide Regulations 1986 for his failings. He was fined £3,000 and ordered to pay £3,500 in costs.

After the hearing, HSE Inspector Lisa Skinner said: "Farmers and growers are required by law to take all reasonable precautions to protect the health and wellbeing of humans, animals, plants and the environment when selling, storing and using pesticides."

"Comprehensive guidance on what is and isn't appropriate is readily available from HSE and others, yet Mr Stevens blatantly ignored his legal obligations and duty of care."

"An alternative pesticide to Amitraz has been approved for use since 2008, so there is no excuse using a banned substance nearly two years later."

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CAMPAIGN

Jools joins chorus of disapproval over controversial plans

Exclusive by Chris Britcher

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MUSICIAN and TV star Jools Holland says he is prepared to fight against the "brutalisation" of the countryside after becoming the latest big name to oppose proposals to build a Thames Estuary airport.

The star, who lives in the area, said the plans would cause shocking human and ecological damage.

It comes in the same week that this newspaper, join the campaign to fight the plans and pro-



tect the county we all hold so dear.

Mr Holland, who presents the ever-popular Later... music TV show and hosts his own BBC Radio 2 show, lives in Cooling Castle – six miles north of Rochester, on Hoo.

One of the proposals put forward by architect Lord Foster is to build an international hub on nearby Grain.

Another, promoted by London Mayor Boris Johnson, and dubbed 'Boris Island' would be sited on reclaimed land in the estuary itself.

Either proposal would devastate large swathes of the north Kent coast and blight the lives of hundreds of thousands across the county.

Despite the proposals promising a huge jobs boom, it would take nearly 20 years before work was complete and the impact on the quality of life and natural habitat would be immense.

In a letter to local council chiefs, Mr Holland explains: "I am opposed to an airport. I am against the brutalisation of the countryside and the human and ecological damage it would cause.

"Further, the area is currently protected by strong European legislation.

"You have my best wishes for a successful campaign."

He is not the first major name to publicly oppose the plans.

Earlier this year writer and academic Germaine Greer signed a letter along with a host of local figures from across the political divide – both in Kent and neighbouring Essex – to oppose the plans.

The letter, also signed by leading figures within the RSPB, Ukip leader Nigel Farage, and a host of Kent MPs said: "We believe plans for an airport on or near the Thames Estuary should be grounded.

"The airport would cost up to £70 billion. Proponents say foreign backers would pay for this, but they go quiet when asked who would foot the bill for the road and rail links to London.

"Aircraft using this airport would be 12 times more at risk of bird strike than at any other major UK airport. The airport would also be close to Thamesport, where huge container ships unload one fifth of the UK's liquid natural gas supplies, as well as the proposed London Array wind farm and the wreck of SS Richard Montgomery, which is still packed with 1,400 tonnes of explosives.

"The airport would also destroy an area used by 300,000 migrating birds every year, and would devastate the ecosystem of the Thames Estuary, which is of worldwide scientific importance. Great swathes of the countryside would have to be developed to make way for new roads, rail links, industrial estates, depots and hotels. Some have pointed to the economic benefits to north Kent and south Essex of such an airport, but the airport is still decades away and most of the jobs would be low paid.

"Finally, this airport would have a drastic economic effect on our existing airports. Boris Johnson, the Mayor of London, has admitted to MPs



Picture: FOSTER AND PARTNERS

BACK THE CAMPAIGN

THIS newspaper is officially endorsing the campaign against the airport proposals.

We believe Kent is a county in which we are all proud. Its rolling countryside, unspoilt coastline, its havens for beautiful and precious wildlife – not to mention its people – make it something very special.

We are convinced an airport would devastate huge swathes of it.

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It may bring jobs, but it would also bring enormous disruption and development, transforming towns, villages and countryside into an urban sprawl of concrete, roads and pollution; destroying what so many of us hold so dear.

So we urge you to stand united against the plans and join us in opposing plans for an airport in the Thames Estuary.

Send us your messages of support for the campaign: Put 'airport' as the subject line and email it to: editorial@kosmedia.co.uk.

Or visit www.stopestuaryairport.co.uk and sign the online petition.



Picture: BBC



BRUTALISATION: Jools Holland is against the development of an airport in the Thames Estuary. Lord Foster's design, left, is one of two proposals

that the Government would have to legislate to force airlines to move from Heathrow.

"We believe there are better solutions to the UK's aviation needs than an airport on the Thames Estuary."

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Fundraising quiz night

KENT Science Park hosts a charity quiz night on May 24 to raise money for Bobbing-based children's hospice Demelza.

The event runs from 6.30pm and forms part of the park's support for Demelza's Go Dotty fundraising week. Entry into the quiz costs £2 per person with teams a maximum of six. Places are limited for the night at the Woodstock Club in Broad Oak Road. To reserve a place email wesley.horan@ksp-uk.com.

➔ Pulse beats for award

A COMMUNITY cafe has been short-listed for a national award.

The Pulse Cafe in Park Road, Sittingbourne, is in the running in the community buildings category for the 2012 Biffa Awards, which recognises community projects.

It will go head-to-head against four other organisations in the running for a £2,000 prize.

This year's awards take place at the Historic Dockyard in Chatham.

➔ Forum's day of fun

A DAY-long series of events to kick-off children's summer holidays takes place at The Forum on July 21.

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CATS

Feeding the war's forgotten troops

By **Chris Britcher & Chrissie Daniels**

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As the bombs fell and the military might grew during the conflict, the cats settled down to life on the airfield.

Their task, like the air crews, to chase down and kill the enemy; although for them it was of the furry four-legged variety – rats.

In exchange for food and bowls of milk, they looked to control the vermin population and make life a little more bearable at the RAF base. It was, after all, one of the key look-out sites for enemy aircraft and boats seeking to penetrate the Thames en route to London.

The cats may have been small, but they played a vital role as the Allied troops bravely protected our shores from the Nazi war machine.

Seven decades later, however, much has changed.

Peace broke out, the airmen flew back home, and the military base on the island long since packed up its bags.

Yet while the war years morphed into the 1950s, the Swinging Sixties, the strife of the Seventies, the excess of the Eighties and all that came between then and now, one thing remained the same. Overlooked. Almost forgotten; the cats.

No-one took the cats home and so they started to breed. A feral colony feeding off scraps, going through dustbins and playing havoc with the local cat population.

As the RAF base was demolished and in its place HMP Standford Hill erected, the cats adapted and started scavenging for scraps, like a roaming gang out of the reach of prison authorities. And then a band of cat-lovers

realised their plight and helped feed them.

From putting down a little here and there, it became a well-drilled operation.

Today, volunteers leave food out for the colony each and every day – including Christmas – come rain, shine or heavy snow.

"Around 30 years ago," explains Bill Foster of Swale Cats Protection, "Jean Pickard, who worked at the prison, started feeding them. She kept it up for years, but when she died last year we had to appeal for help.

"Now we have two volunteers who regularly go up there to feed the cats. We keep an eye on their health and neuter them when we can. But we could do with some more help."

The charity has worked tirelessly to help cats across the area – from rehousing to providing temporary care and health treatment. Yet their resources are running low – and with the recession biting into their donations, it has expressed fears for its very future.

But they never relent in providing care for their feline friends.

Working alongside the RSPCA, they have helped control the population. Those cats caught and neutered have their ears clipped so they are instantly recognised.

Naturally scared of human contact, however, the cats are not easy to capture and treat.

Writing in a newsletter for the Swale Cats Protection back in 2009, Mrs Pickard explained how the programme had proved effective over the years.

She said: "There are much less cats now than there used to be. I used to feed up to



30 cats. Now there are around 15 to 20.

"The inmates don't really help, but they are interested and come and ask me questions.

"It started when my husband was a civilian instructional officer teaching bricklaying at the prison. He started by feeding two cats by the welfare block. I then started working at the prison in the works department where there were a few cats about, so I started feeding them twice a day at my office.

"After I left work, I carried on but it snowed, people were telling me there were kittens near the farm and some cats by the bore hole. So of course I started putting food down for them as well, eventually I was putting food down in six different places every day."

Sarah Inns, 43, is one of those who took over the reins.

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Food comes from donations left for the cat charity at the local Tesco store. And each day Mrs Inns takes five cans a day and some biscuits to feed the colony.

She explains: "The cats are quite happy playing around when we get there. Most are happy to see us, although some just run away."

"They don't interact with the prisoners, but a couple of inmates built them a shelter; although mainly the cats just go and hide in the surroundings."

"They hear the sound of my car and run up to say hello – but when I take my husband's car it takes them longer to realise it's me."

With all but "one or two" cats neutered, the impact on the local cat population is not what it once was.

But even then, some of the volunteers cannot

resist taking in some of the kittens. The late Mrs Pickard had around nine and Mrs Inns admits she has cared for one too.

She adds: "It is a privilege to work with the cats. Most people say they love working with people – I love working with cats. If I know I can help a cat I will."

Her grandchildren are in on the act too – Bill, eight, is holding a non-uniform day on May 18 at his Halfway House school, with all monies raised going to the work funded by the Swale Cats Protection.

And courtesy of the help of her family, it would appear the feral cat colony could be set to survive a few generations longer.

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INSPECTION

'Safety' concerns at prison

By Chris Britcher

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A HIGH number of prisoners reported "not feeling safe" at Sheppey's HMP Standford Hill, a new report by the inspector of prisons has revealed.

The report also revealed some food was 'not fit for consumption'. In some cases meat being served at the Sheerness jail was still frozen.

However, the results of the unannounced inspection saw Nick Hardwick, chief inspector of prisons, conclude the open prison was in a position to make necessary progress after a period of 'coasting'.

Among the positive findings were few violent incidents and low incidents of self-harming, living conditions generally good and a range of activities available both in and out of the prison.

But it said relations between staff and prisoners needed to improve, there was evidence of prescribed drugs being traded and an under representation of black and minority prisoners among those working out in the community or in the better accommodation was a "significant concern".



REPORT: The inspector did note some improvements at HMP Standford Hill

HMP Standford Hill had previously been managed as part of the Sheppey prisons 'cluster'. While some services were still shared, Standford Hill now has its own governor.

A category D, open, prison, it handles male prisoners within five years of release from any sentence

and a maximum of two years to parole eligibility date.

Its role is to help prisoners reintegrate into society to ensure they are ready for release.

Prisoners are employed in the workshop, works, and horticulture departments.

There are also full and part time

education classes for prisoners and there is a listener scheme for those who may be at risk from suicide or self harm. The listener scheme received particular praise from inspectors.

Nick Hardwick said: "Until relatively recently, Standford Hill appears to have been coasting.

"Outcomes are reasonable in most areas but the prison is exposed by some significant areas of concern.

"Reassuringly, work had already started to address the concerns we identified.

"It was overdue and it is to be hoped that a period of more stable management will enable the prison to make the rapid progress required."

Michael Spurr, chief executive officer of the National Offender Management Service, said: "Standford Hill has made some good progress despite a transition period to a new management structure.

"I am pleased the chief inspector found that the prison has made progress in the areas of concern and I am confident the new team will drive forward further improvements."

INSPECTOR'S FINDING

Good

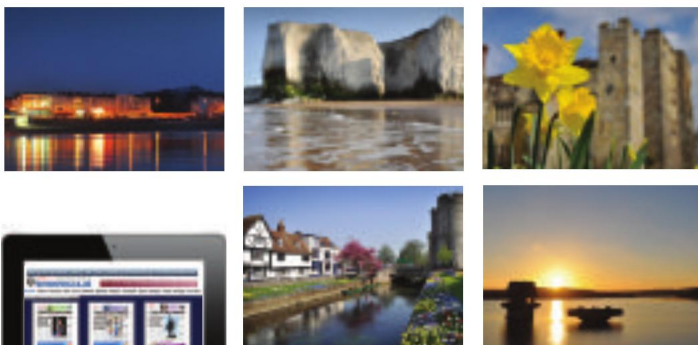
- Few violent incidents and incidents of self-harm and use of force were low.
- The use of listeners was excellent.
- Living conditions were generally good, diversity work was generally sound and health care had improved.
- There was a good range of activity available in and out of the prison.

Bad

- Staff-prisoner relationships were polite and professional but there was little proactive engagement by staff.
- A surprisingly high number of prisoners reported not feeling safe.
- First night procedures were weak and left men who had served long sentences in closed conditions apprehensive about the greater autonomy they had.
- Significant drop in the number of security reports received, a possible consequence of staff not engaging sufficiently with prisoners.
- Although the drug testing rate was low, there was some evidence prescribed drugs were being traded.
- The under-representation of black and minority ethnic prisoners among those working in the community or in the better accommodation was a significant concern.
- Some food was not fit for consumption.
- The levies deducted under the Prisoners' Earning Act had begun to mean, in a few cases, that prisoners could no longer afford to travel to work, which meant they lost the resettlement opportunities.



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News



LEISURE

Explore the secret beauty hidden in private gardens

By James Benjamin

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IT has been one of the most challenging times for the enthusiastic gardener, with the weather's unpredictability playing havoc with traditional planting and blooming times.

But despite all that, dedicated gardeners in Faversham will once again be throwing open their garden gates and allowing the public to take a look around their private plots to show off their green-fingered expertise.

The Secret Gardens 2012 scheme sees private gardens

open for visitors once a year.

The widely differing gardens range from tiny cottage gardens to bold allotments.

This year, for the first time, there will be a 'permaculture' garden. This is a flagship garden for the Transition Town movement and is designed to be low maintenance while still being productive; incorporating a wildlife pond and an immature forest garden area, plus an area for chickens.

The Abbey Physic Community Garden is also involved.

The charity has a walled garden in the heart of the town which boasts a wildlife friendly,

organically-managed garden with an emphasis on the therapeutic benefits of horticulture.

Over recent years it has won two Gold Awards for Gardening for Wildlife and also Certificates of Excellence from both the South and South East In Bloom competitions.

In total, some 24 properties will be taking part in the scheme which runs over the weekend of June 16-17.

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News

NATURE

Expert group vows to kill off foreign invader weed

By Chris Murphy

editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

A WEED from the other side the world is being told to get knotted after a group was set up just to banish it from the Kent countryside.

The Japanese knotweed is strangling native flora, and is regarded as a major pest.

Now Property Care Association (PCA) has launched a new group dedicated to its removal and control. It is working with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and Japanese knotweed control companies to develop the Invasive Weed Control Group.

And it has been welcomed by the county's branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, Protect Kent.

A spokesman said: "It is not native to Britain and we would welcome any moves to eliminate it from the countryside where it does tremendous damage. It can destroy entire hedgerows and pretty much any plants in the open. It basically strangles other plant life until they die out.

"It would be great for something to be done to finally get it under control. I don't think Kent is



KILLING FIELDS: Blight of Japanese knotweed

suffering any more than any other part of the country, but it is a problem."

He said the plant is native to eastern Asia and could have been brought to the UK by people who liked the look of it, but were not aware of its destructive qualities. It is highly invasive and it's illegal to plant knotweed.

The weed can also damage buildings by burrowing into brickwork and needs to be poisoned before being disposed of at licensed landfills.

Stephen Hodgson, general manager of the PCA, said: "For several months, the PCA has been working with sections of the Japanese knotweed control industry to provide representation, accreditation and trade association services.

"Ultimately this work has drawn together a set of standards that will ensure consumers in Kent can identify companies – through the PCA – that have the skills, infrastructure, knowledge and integrity to eliminate this troublesome weed properly and cost-effectively.

"Our role as an established trade body, with a reputation for high standards, ensures a recognised and effective route for the delivery of this work."

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OPINION

Standing and really delivering

Medway's new Labour leader Cllr **Vince Maple** promises a break with the old way of doing things, and to rebuild the public's trust in politics...

I HAD the great honour of being elected the youngest Labour group leader in the South East last week.

One of the things I want to really focus on here in Medway is the matter of rebuilding trust in politics.

Over the past few years a number of scandals have tainted the name of politics: be it MPs' expenses in Westminster; the relationship between senior politicians and the Murdoch press; or the recent issue of the Tory treasurer offering access to the Prime Minister over a cosy dinner for a quarter of a million pounds.

All of these things – often just one or two individuals rather than the political system as a whole – continue to give politics a bad name.

Another reason why people have lost trust is because election promises simply seem to mean nothing.

The most obvious example

being the Liberal Democrats' promise to abolish tuition fees.

A number of Lib Dem candidates were very happy to be filmed for YouTube saying "we will scrap tuition fees" – only a few months later to help treble them for a shot at power.

Though the other half of the Coalition are equally guilty, saying unequivocally throughout the 2010 general election campaign there would be no top-down reorganisation of the NHS.

But in less than two years they have passed a bill which has – despite mass opposition from the public and health professionals alike – led to just such a top-down reorganisation, and one that will cost taxpayers across Kent and Medway £3 billion.

Here in Medway, the local Tories stood on a platform last year of no cuts to frontline services, yet surprise, surprise, we see the complete opposite: care

homes, libraries and bereavement services being slashed.

Again, election promises being broken and manifestos being seen as meaningless.

So, how do we change this?

Well, part of it has to do with public engagement. For too long, too many people have said politicians don't listen, and that they lie, and when you see the examples I have just mentioned, you can understand why people feel that way.

But I think people involved in politics need to show there can be a different approach: where engagement is real and meaningful, where people feel part of a process and that decisions are made with them, not despite them.

That's not to say sometimes difficult decisions don't have to be made, but even then local residents should feel that they have been listened to.

And, if decisions are made which they don't completely



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For too long, too many people have said politicians don't listen

support, they can understand the reasons why.

Instead the Government, both locally and nationally, seem content on compiling an ever-growing list of examples where that simply isn't happening, where people feel their voice counts for nothing.

It is also about not promising the earth when in opposition, and hoping residents don't catch on when in government we fail to deliver.

I want to be in a position in 2015 when Medway votes on its local and national government, that people are not saying "you are all the same", that people can see the real alternatives, that they can see my Labour team are working hard to show that people can start to put their trust back into politics.

It will not be an easy task, but it is one we will work towards together as strongly as possible.

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TODAY we officially joined the ranks of the thousands of people opposing plans for a giant hub airport in the Thames Estuary.

And now we're asking you, our readers, to join us in the fight. Even if you don't live in north Kent, a giant airport will have an impact, whether it is an increase in traffic or the rise in air pollution. And for those who think they may escape this, it shouldn't matter, for now is the time for us to join together – east, west, north and south – and stop our beautiful county being blighted by a monstrosity, which will not only damage the lives of people, but destroy an internationally important nature site. This is the Garden of England and we need to keep it that way.

Surprises at election

THE shock election result in Tunbridge Wells has no doubt shaken the Tory party.

And the surprise victory of Ukup over the Tory leader has perhaps given smaller parties hope of future victory. In these times nothing is certain and this could be a sign of what's yet to come.

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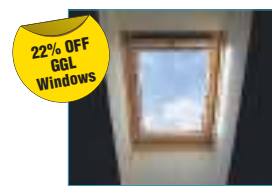
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Country needs leadership

POLITICIANS and growth of economy have become inseparable – here, in Europe and in America.

This confirms that it is the taxation and income side of balance sheets that politicians are concentrating on.

Yet most of their efforts produce more red tape and overheads for those trying to lay golden eggs.

Surely it is time to adopt normal family household bookkeeping and stop spending.

This is especially relevant locally where only urgent infrastructure improvements should be contemplated.

What local politicians could do with the money spent on European membership or the loans to Ireland and the IMF – which the 'posh boys' justify by stating "that it is the right thing to do".

The 'right thing' could be

to withdraw and cancel the inflation proof pensions paid to retired European Commissioners who knowingly continued the European adventure despite individual countries not financially qualifying for their membership.

Continue the present course and unemployment will rise with a generation of unemployed youth decaying the English way of life.

It is time for politicians to address and stop diverting our money into national expenditure and cease meddling and regulating every facet of our lives. The county needs leadership, not career politicians who are intent on scaling the greasy political pole and who have little or no experience of creating wealth.

Edward La Coste,
Lamberhurst

Time for silent reflection

I WAS appalled at the

arrogant and pompous letter written by Janet Berridge in last week's paper, in which she had the effrontery to criticise the Rev Paul Kirby's reported remarks to this newspaper on the murder of a member of his family in Norway by Anders Behring Breivik.

Why Ms Berridge thinks she has the insight or intelligence to write in such a way on such an appalling event I cannot begin to speculate, but I think a period of silent reflection is called for, followed by an apology to Paul Kirby.

Philip Bell, by email

Turn around this thinking

I UNDERSTAND the threat posed by climate change, and I support action to tackle it, but I think the use of onshore wind turbines needs to be carefully controlled in order to avoid damage to the countryside we are seeking to protect.

Many people in Kent are

worried about the huge increase in applications for wind turbines, and I am concerned many of these proposals are made by energy companies that don't pay enough attention to local concerns and want to site turbines at inappropriate locations.

The current situation is undermining confidence in the planning system and fails to support people who are keen to tackle climate change, but do not want to sacrifice our beautiful landscapes.

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) recently published a report recommending a new approach to onshore wind that makes sense. They want the Government to have a more strategic approach to where turbines go, and for this to be more sensitive to the landscape – with local people having a greater say in what renewable energy they think is best in their area.

I have written to our MP through the CPRE website,

www.cpre.org.uk, calling for strong leadership on this matter and would encourage other readers to do the same.

Guy Sharrock, Hythe

Spelling out their message

"WE are in drought", says a South East Water advert in your newspaper.

"Drought has destroyed everything here", says a request from Oxfam to "help change lives in Turkana, Kenya", where they have no water.

My concise Oxford English Dictionary says: Drought 'the continuous absence of rain'.

There may be a shortage of water in the South East, but not rain, nor water. The water authority is misusing the English language.

Similarly the police are a 'service', no longer a 'force', but they do enforce the law, and sometimes with force.

The Royal Mail has Parcel 'Force' when it delivers parcels.

This is all just like Lewis Carroll's Humpty Dumpty in Alice Through the Looking Glass. He said: "When I use a word it means just what I choose it to mean."

Denis Cobell, by email

It's time to end these parties

DAVID Cameron is wasting another five years not fixing the things we wanted fixed.

They just never learn; look at the council election results. What happened to family values, the 'bonfire' of the quangos, the end to 'cronyism and fat cat pay', 'human rights' for victims instead of criminals, an EU Referendum and all the other promises made to get elected?

This arrogant dilettante, along with his Labour and Lib Dem friends, have no interest in what we want them to do.

I hope at the next election we can have a clearout of Tory, Labour and Lib Dems, to replace them with democrats who will do what we ask.

Phil Granger, West Malling

Bullet service misses target

TERRY Hudson (Letters, April 15) is right when he says Kent County Council are wrong to keep subsidising the so called 'high-speed' train service.

In fact Kent will never get a decent fast rail service until these Japanese-built high-speed junk trains are scrapped.

All these trains do is get in the way of the proper service and take all the available power.

There are plenty of trains operating in other parts of the UK that would, if introduced to Kent, provide a far faster service and be significantly cheaper to run.

Steam trains used to take under one hour to get from Cannon Street to Whitstable, but despite billions spent on rail infrastructure these high-speed offerings take more than 80 minutes longer to reach the same destination.

This has been down to successive governmental interference and incompetent rail management.

One good thing is that recently there have been good ministers in charge of rail transport, notably, Lord Andrew Adonis and Theresa Villiers.

Sheikh Mihad,
Sittingbourne Loonies

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No say on pension that could ease debt woes

Q I SET up a private pension plan in 1992, but I only paid into it until 2001, as I then got a job with a company that had its own pension scheme.

I lost that job through redundancy in 2010, and have been unemployed since. We now have debts of about £14,000, including mortgage arrears, but I have been told that I cannot cash in my old pension plan, even though we need it badly.

Is this right?

A THE pension statement you sent me shows that your plan is worth enough to pay off your debts and mortgage arrears, and leave a tidy bit over for you and your family as well.

But I am afraid the pension company is right. You are 46-years-old, and the normal legal age for drawing pension benefits is 55 or older.

On top of this, you can only take a quarter of your money in cash. The rest must be paid as a pension.

There are exceptions to the rule. For example, if you are terminally ill or have to retire early through ill health, you can make a claim under 55. But none of this helps you.

Because the Government wants us all to provide for our own old age, it makes it easy to invest in a pension plan, but hard to withdraw anything ahead of retirement.

Q I HAVE been offered voluntary redundancy and I would be grateful for advice about the tax position.

The redundancy payment would be about £50,000, less tax of £8,000.

Can you explain how the tax is calculated as it seems low to me?

On the other hand, if it is right, is there any way to get it even lower?

A THE first £30,000 of redundancy money is tax-free, which is why you would lose only £8,000 out of £50,000.

After deducting the exempt £30,000, you are left with £20,000 that is taxable.

It appears your employer is planning to tax this at 40pc. If you are a 40pc higher-rate taxpayer, this is correct.

But could you get the tax even lower? That depends on what you do next.

If your income drops because you are jobless, you could become a basic rate 20pc taxpayer. And if this happens, you could reclaim some of the £8,000 from the taxman.

Q I AM sending you a very strange email that I received, offering me a job as the USA representative of Dalston Mill Fabrics.

TONY HETHERINGTON
MONEY CLINIC



The London company is selling wedding dresses to American customers and wants me to collect payments in return for 10pc commission on everything I collect.

It is obviously a shady deal, but I cannot work out how I could lose, as I have not been asked for any money.

A DALSTON Mill Fabrics does exist, and it is based in London.

But the job dealing with American customers is pure fiction, which is why you are asked to reply by email to someone calling himself 'Paul Newman', and not to apply in writing in the usual way to the company itself.

Anyone who takes this job will find themselves caught up in criminal money laundering.

Money will land in their bank account, and they will assume it is from customers of Dalston Mill Fabrics, but in fact it will be stolen or possibly the proceeds of drug deals.

Mr Newman would then ask for the money – less 10pc commission – to be sent on to someone untraceable in another country.

So when the police swoop, the only person arrested will be the innocent intermediary who had allowed their bank account to be used.

Do not touch this job offer with a bargepole.

Q I AM self-employed, but pay tax and national insurance, and have done for the past eight years. Now I am six months pregnant and having to cut down on work, but I have found that my contributions do not entitle me to a penny in statutory maternity pay.

A MATERNITY pay comes from an employer – and your only employer is yourself, which is why it would not make sense for the law to tell you to pay yourself.

However, you are entitled to the maternity allowance, which is £135.45 a week or 90pc of your average earnings, paid for up to 39 weeks.

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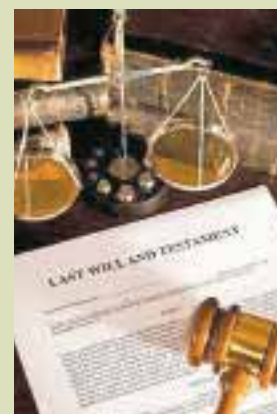
Moves to regulate the will-writing industry should give more peace of mind to consumers. ADAM AIKEN reports.

PLANNING YOUR WILL – DOs and DON'Ts

Do your research. You do it when you purchase a flat-screen television or car insurance, so why not for your will? Check the firm you plan to use. How long has it been in business? If things do go wrong, is it adequately insured? Does it have the experience and qualifications to deal with your case? Personal recommendations can be useful, but not as a substitute for your own research.

Do meet with your will-writer. Any good will-writer will want to meet you in person to discuss what you want to achieve in your will. Don't be surprised to be asked questions about your family, general background and the value and breakdown of your estate. This is all part of the process of making sure you receive the correct advice. Will-writing should never be a conveyor-belt process.

Do prepare for your meeting. Draft a list of questions you want to ask. Any good will-writer will want to discuss the composition of your estate. This is to consider the tax position and to make sure the terms of your will are suitable. Therefore, also prepare a schedule of your assets (including life insurance, pensions, trusts, foreign assets etc) and liabilities. If you already have a will, let the will-writer see a copy. If you own your home, the will-writer should want to see your deeds to check the ownership position.



Don't let fancy pricing and offers of cheap wills make the decision for you. A cheap will could end up being the most costly mistake you make. Generally, you get what you pay for.

Don't leave it to the last minute. Making a will needs careful consideration and needs to be thought through.

Don't hold back any information that you think may be relevant.

Don't pay money up front for a will. This should not be necessary.

Don't get caught paying high storage costs. This shouldn't be necessary. Most firms will store your will for free.

those taking the important step of writing a will were also, unfortunately, leaving problems to their beneficiaries. [These measures] should reassure consumers that they will be more effectively protected."

A consultation on the LSB proposal will run until the middle of July.

Tom Lawrence, an expert on wills and estate planning at law firm Howes Percival, said: "Clearly, there is still some way for this to go before it ends up on the statute book. However, it seems now to be moving in the right direction."

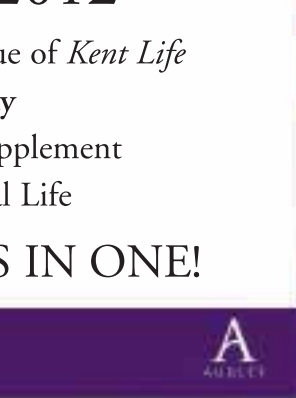
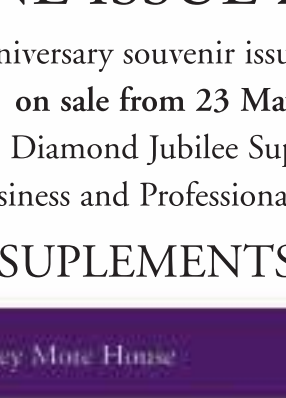
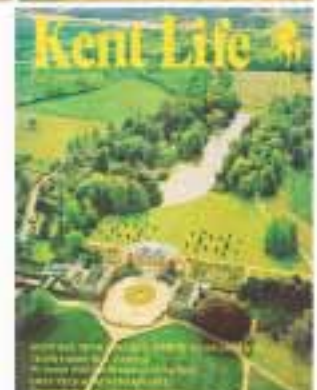
"This move follows the Scottish government's action to regulate will-

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"As a result, there is no margin for error."



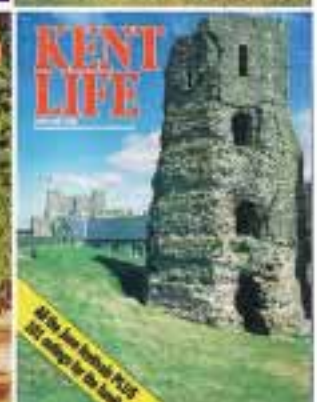
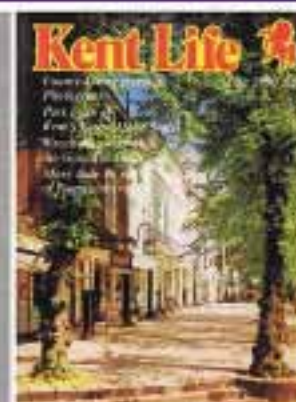
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Applications welcome for £35 million growth cash

By Nick Ames

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BUSINESS-LEADERS have welcomed the news that a £35 million growth fund set aside for east Kent is now open for applications.

The cash injection is being seen as a big boost for the area after pharmaceutical giant Pfizer closed its plant in Sandwich last year with a loss of 2,400 jobs.

Companies involved in research and development, manufacturing, tourism and culture are being encouraged to apply for a slice of the cash.

Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce chief Jo James said: "We see the programme very much as a smart use of public funds to stimulate business growth and create jobs in east Kent. By providing business loans as against business grants, this will build in sustainability and long-term funding and create tangible returns on investments for the local economy."

"The application process is fairly straightforward and business-friendly. The application is in two stages: firstly a pre-application, which will help establish eligibility and likelihood of application success, followed by the full application process."

"There is help in assisting at the pre-application stage through a series of clinics provided by both Kent Invicta and Channel Chambers of Commerce."

Expansion East Kent aims to create

5,000 jobs across Canterbury, Shepway, Dover and Thanet by inviting companies to apply for interest-free loans ranging from £5,000 to £2.5m.

Any business can apply – although there are restrictions on the agricultural sector due to EU rules – but companies must demonstrate plans to grow and employ more people. The project will also see a further £5m invested in rail enhancements to reduce travel time between London and Ramsgate.

The £40m comes from the Government's Regional Growth Fund and any application will be assessed for its suitability by professional-services firm PricewaterhouseCoopers.

The Federation of Small Businesses in Kent and Medway is also delighted with the news, members saying they are pleased that the Government has recognised there are areas of deprivation in south-east England and that investment is required to stimulate economic recovery, job-creation and growth.

Debashish Sen, FSB vice-chairman for Kent and Medway, said: "In the past, most Government incentive schemes have been focused in the north and west of the UK, so access to a share of the £35m for business development in east Kent is good news."

"This is not something for nothing and businesses will still face the challenge of finding match-funding. However, we trust the flexible repayment terms promised by KCC when assessing



HANDS ON: County council leader Paul Carter outlines the funding project to companies

applications will enable many new and growing businesses to benefit."

Business chiefs in Kent also believe that transport improvements are essential for business growth and the £5 million set aside to reduce the rail journey time from Ramsgate through Canterbury to London will assist the local economy.

FSB member David Milham, of ASC Finance for Business, based in Faversham, said: "To be a success, we hope banks will be treating these soft loans as part of the client capital introduced by the business and not deduct this source of funding from their loan offer."

"The plan to process loans quickly, with transparency and flexibility is welcome and a pre-qualification process will avoid wasted time for both businesses and the council."

Kent County Council will be administering the project, with leader Paul Carter looking to "unlock public-sector finance" using the programme during the next four years to bring in multi-

million-pound investment to east Kent.

He said: "Since Pfizer's announcement to exit from its site last year, we've left no stone unturned trying to support current business, develop new opportunities and lay down a solid foundation for growth."

"Expansion East Kent will provide financial support to firms as interest-free loans. This intelligent use of funding means we can recycle the money to provide vital business support on an ongoing basis, benefiting local firms and creating local jobs for years to come."

"We want to encourage applications from sectors where new investment is particularly important and can yield significant economic benefits, for example manufacturing, advanced engineering, tourism, life sciences and green-tech industries."

"This significantly builds on our work to help market and promote the Discovery Park Enterprise Zone in Sandwich and will have an impact across the whole of east Kent."

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Safer socialising scheme ensures a good night for all

AN awards ceremony has recognised businesses' dedication to keeping the public safe.

Well known as a clubbing town, Maidstone hosts up to 15,000 revellers every Saturday night, and with 1,500 dependent jobs the town's night economy is vitally important to its business health.

In 2006, Maidstone became the first town in the country to be recognised with the Safer Socialising Award, the night equivalent of the Safer Shopping Award, which reflects the robust management of the night economy.

Following this, Maidstone Town Centre Management's priority then moved to giving individual licensed



premises annual accreditation.

The purpose of the individual premise award is to encourage businesses to achieve higher standards of management and

operation and rewards those who gain the accreditation standards.

The project, managed by the business-crime-reduction partnership MaidSafe, involves the

inspection of licensed premises by senior representatives from Town Centre Management and its partners Kent Police, Fire and Rescue, Trading Standards and the licensing authority.

In the latest round of the Action Against Business Crime, Safer Socialising Awards were presented to Iceland, Strawberry Moons, Road House, Source Bar and Tesco Express.

In recognition of their achievements, the awards this year were presented by Maidstone town centre's Inspector Mark Hutcheon and MaidSafe chairman Paul Alcock. They were hosted by award recipient Road House.

No grizzling at cash surprise

A FOLKESTONE company had a pleasant surprise when it received a call from its bank manager to say it would be getting £2,000 cash-back along with the business loan it had requested.

Grizzlys Custom Bikes is an independent Harley-Davidson parts and servicing specialist on the Highfield Industrial Estate in Folkestone. The company is owned and run by Lyndon and Jenny Fraser and offers parts, repairs and servicing for Harley-Davidsons and other custom motorcycles.

The company had been looking at diversifying and decided to approach its bank for a loan to purchase the equipment to be able to offer bike MOTs.

Ms Fraser said: "Although our business remains profitable we have seen a drop in general servicing work as a result of the recession and recognised that we needed to diversify.

"To be able to provide MOTs for our existing customers and also to attract new customers seemed like a sensible move."

Richard Evans, business manager at Barclays, said: "Lyndon and Jenny's business is one of the first in Kent to benefit from the Barclays Cashback Finance Scheme, part of the Government's National Loan Guarantee Scheme (NLGS), which was announced by the Chancellor during the Budget.

"It was great to be able to call them and let them know they would be getting this extra cash. It's been a pleasure seeing the business grow and flourish and I look forward to working with them long into the future."

Under the Barclays scheme, qualifying businesses that take out a loan receive the full benefit of the NLGS discount immediately in the form of an up-front cash pay-out.

This is calculated as one percentage point discount on the loan price over the first five years.

Ms Fraser said: "Now we have the loan we are able to order the MOT equipment and cover the associated costs of installation and improving our customer area to be able to provide a first-class service to customers old and new."

Call for change in culture when granting contracts

By Nick Ames

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SMALL businesses are still struggling to win lucrative public-sector contracts despite the Government's efforts to make it easier, the latest figures from the Federation of Small Businesses show.

The Voice of Small Business survey panel of FSB members reveals 40 per cent of small firms believe the tendering process for public-sector contracts is too complex, while 37 per cent think they are sidelined by public officials who believe bigger firms must be better.

The findings come despite the Government's launch of its Contracts Finder website designed to make it easier for small firms to find and bid for public-sector work.

Roger House, FSB chairman for Kent and Medway, said: "The Government has made an effort to raise awareness in the public sector that Britain's entrepreneurs and small businesses are willing and able business partners.

"But clearly more must be done. While central government has raised its game, without a true culture change across the public sector as a whole, the Government's initiatives will have little impact."

The survey of more than 2,700 FSB members

showed that although one in seven firms had bid for a public-sector contract in the last year, 41 per cent failed to secure any business from any of the bids they had submitted.

Of those firms that had won contracts, only a quarter (27 per cent) said they had found the Contracts Finder website useful, with twice that number (55 per cent) relying on personal contacts and referrals.

The key findings reveal:

■ 40 per cent of firms want a simplified tendering process.

■ 38 per cent believe the public sector should actively use small businesses or encourage consortia of small and medium-sized firms where possible.

■ 38 per cent believe public-sector bosses should evaluate tenders based on experience and ability rather than on the size and turnover of bidding firms.

While there has been welcome progress with central government's performance, the FSB has long said its initiatives will not go far enough unless they are adopted by the wider public sector.

So the FSB is calling for all parts of the public sector to agree to the range of measures to support small firms detailed in the Procurement Pledge published by the Government.

The FSB is also taking action by undertaking



its own research into local-government procurement, surveying every council in the UK to identify and promote best practice.

CHANGE:
Roger House
of the FSB

Six jobs created as new pet store opens its doors

PETS at Home has invested more than £400,000 in a new store at Gillingham Retail Park, providing six new jobs for the area.

The store will provide thousands of dedicated pet products for dogs, cats, small animals, reptiles, chickens, birds, fish and wildlife. There will also be a groom room.

The company, founded in 1991, has more than 310 sites across the UK employing more than 5,200 people. This year, it was awarded second place in the Sunday Times Top 25 Best Big Companies to work for.

Pets at Home is committed to

recruiting from the local area and applicants go through a number of stages to assess their compatibility for the role. Animal welfare is at the heart of its business, which is why it believes in employing pet-lovers to serve pet-lovers. About 94 per cent of Pets at Home employees nationwide own a pet.

The company also invests in the career development of employees, giving staff the option to gain specialist qualifications in pet care. Many have worked for the company for more than 10 years.

Store manager Dan Harding has been with Pets at Home for six years.



During this time he has received regular training in pet care and is the owner of two cats, Milly and Mr T, a dog called Riz and two chinchillas, Barney and Benji.

Harding and his team have

undergone special training to further develop their pet-care expertise ahead of the store opening.

He said: "I love my job and working with pets. We are all passionate about pets, which is evident to everyone who visits a Pets at Home store.

"Every day brings new challenges and it's never the same two days running. I enjoy interacting with customers and giving them the help and advice they need.

"Thanks to Pets at Home, I am fully qualified to advise on all types of pets, from rabbits, guinea pigs and chinchillas to fish and reptiles."

Training, courses and careers

Animal magic for college students

ANIMAL care and veterinary nursing students at Canterbury College met zookeepers, police dog handlers, and more, at their first specialist careers day.

More than 60 students on BTEC animal care and veterinary nursing courses heard a wide variety of guest speakers at the event, held in the college's main hall, which allowed the students to learn about careers available to them after completing their course.

And they got to handle a python when former animal care student, Ben Bartlett spoke.

Ben, 20, who is also studying animal care at university, explained how he set up his business Claws and Jaws that provides exotic animals and education talks to parties, schools and other events.

He said: "I've been in regular contact with the college since I left, so I was happy to come in. The Canterbury College animal care course gave me a good grounding for everything I needed to know."

Sniffer dog handler PC Steve Reith, keepers from Howletts Wild Animal Park and Wildwood Trust, a dog behaviour expert, Guide Dogs for the Blind, veterinary nurses, a farm manager and an ecology expert from JFA Environmental Planning, all gave talks throughout the day.

Career advice for ex-servicemen

PEOPLE leaving the Armed Forces, and their families, have been encouraged to plan ahead by attending a free Military to Civilian Career Transition event being held in Aylesford.

This event is being organised to guide those leaving the military through uncertain times and highlight future career opportunities beyond the Armed Forces.

It is at the British Legion Village, Hall Road, Aylesford, on May 16, between 10.30am-3.30pm.

The day will offer service leavers and their families the opportunity to meet and network with potential employers and learn about training and self-employment/franchise opportunities. There will also be talks and exhibits offering information and support, such as housing advice.

Attendees are urged to bring their CVs along with them to benefit from free CV-writing assistance.

In the past, employers attending the event have been particularly impressed by those attendees who have researched the exhibiting companies and brought along their CV and record of achievements to demonstrate their skills. Details of all exhibitors can be found online.

Attend the event free of charge by registering at www.bfrsevents.co.uk

Saatchi pop-up agency a chance to get creative



AD TEAM:
Creative director Mark Goodwin, managing director Richard Alford, Damian Collins MP, chief operating officer Camilla Harrison, and business unit head Tom Firth

THIS summer the famous advertising agency M&C Saatchi is to open a 'pop up' agency in a training project designed for young people.

The industry initiative will give 18 to 24-year-olds from the Folkestone area the opportunity to develop their creative skills with training and advice from world class practitioners.

The scheme is called The Lab and is being championed by Shepway Tory MP and ex-M&C Saatchi employee Damian Collins. It aims to inspire young people to broaden their horizons and become engaged within the creative communications industry.

The project will also bring together a raft of local businesses, including Saga, Visit Kent, Screen South, Holiday Extras, Created.co, Film Factory, Creative Foundation, Church and Dwight, Eurotunnel, Folkestone Job Centre, and Academy FM, all of whom will support the project.

Mr Collins said: "To have the chance to bring M&C Saatchi to

Folkestone is a fantastic opportunity for the young people of the area.

"It will generate a real sense of community spirit by linking individuals with various local businesses and give them a great insight into the communications industry.

"I am really looking forward to the whole process and to see what our young generation is capable of."

The Lab will run for two weeks starting on July 9 and will be housed by the Creative Foundation.

Applicants will be able to apply via an M&C Saatchi micro website - www.mcsaatchilab.co.uk - which will launch on May 14 and will require them to answer three simple questions.

There will be 12 successful candidates, who will embark on a

three-part course over two weeks, which will be split into the following processes:

- Creative training
- work experience and group sessions
- pitch preparation and presentation.

The successful candidates will then form two teams who will take part in an Apprentice-style pitch to a live local client brief with the winning work to run locally.

There will be a chance of work placements at the end of the fortnight with local businesses, as well as offering invaluable career advice and support to the candidates.

M&C Saatchi will also be hosting a series of presentations led by senior staff, including chief operating

officer Camilla Harrison, managing director Richard Alford, and creative director Mark Goodwin.

The talks will be open to anyone who wants to attend.

Mr Alford said: "The future of our industry depends on talented young people feeling inspired to join the creative world.

"Creating a community outreach project like this is also a real opportunity for us to see what talent there is outside of London and we hope that this will inspire young people to express their creativity and think about a future in the industry."

The Creative Foundation is an arts regeneration charity based in Folkestone. Its remit is to manage a major project in the historic heart of the seaside town that will restore the area's vitality by encouraging creative enterprise.

The organisation has acquired over 80 buildings in the old town, designated a Creative Quarter, and has recruited a range of creative businesses and artists as tenants.

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Schools & education

Schoolchildren encouraged to get passionate about start of Olympics

DEAL-based arts education agency Future Creative has started work on a Kent County Council-funded initiative with 48 schools across Dover district in the build up to the Olympic Games.

Pass the Passion is a programme of arts and cultural experiences set up to celebrate the upcoming arrival of the Olympic torch in Dover and build up excitement in anticipation of London 2012.

Working in partnership

with Vista Leisure, Dover Extended Schools and Kent 2012, Future Creative will be sending artists and creative professionals into primary and secondary schools to help run creative learning activities which range from art, drama and music to creative writing.

"Each workshop is designed to encourage schoolchildren to use the arrival of the Olympic torch as an opportunity to think about their future aspirations," said Future Creative chief executive Esme Chilton.

"Pass the Passion will inspire young people to explore their hopes and dreams and help them to imagine where they will be in 20 years' time."

The workshops for the Pass the Passion Olympic torch project will be blazing their own trail through schools across the Dover, Deal and Sandwich district running from mid-April to July 13.

UCA honour for Habitat founder and top designer Sir Terence

ONE of the world's best known designers has become an honorary professor at the University for the Creative Arts.

Sir Terence Conran received the award from UCA, which has campuses in Canterbury, Maidstone and Rochester, for services to design, education and the creative arts.

Sir Terence said: "This award is a true honour to me because I have always passionately believed that creativity and education are of fundamental importance to the way we live our lives and to our economy."

"UCA is an extraordinary university with a great heritage and reputation for innovative forward-thinking in nurturing talent and creativity. They have a big part to play in all our futures."

"Being here today has been such a pleasure because you can feel the passion of the students and staff all around you and in everything they do."

The founder of Habitat, Conran Holdings, Benchmark Furniture, and the Design Museum, will take up the honorary role immediately.

Guests at the ceremony included UCA graduate Karen Millen, and students who had the opportunity to put questions to Sir Terence.



HONOUR: Professor Sir Terence Conran with UCA vice-chancellor Dr Simon Ofield-Kerr

UCA vice-chancellor Dr Simon Ofield-Kerr said: "UCA is delighted to award Sir Terence Conran with this honorary professorship."

"He single-handedly changed this country's understanding of design and has changed modern life through his products, shops and restaurants."

"Sir Terence Conran continues to provide us all with an education in design and is someone that both staff and students look up to."

Stars on hand as college stages Games for partner primary school

PARALYMPIC runner Sophia Warner was among the guests when MidKent College hosted an Olympic-themed sports day for one of its partner primary schools.

Held in the moat of the Lower Lines Park – next to the college's Medway campus – the spectacle featured live music and entertainment as pupils from Skinner Street Primary School, Gillingham, competed in a number of events.

World Transplant Games par-

ticipant Lisa Innes was also on hand alongside Warner to award medals to the winners on the college's own Olympic podium.

Tony Truscott – head of the care and community services faculty – said: "It was a spectacular event. The kids loved it and it's something they will remember for the rest of their lives."

"We at MidKent College take the Olympic and Paralympic values very seriously, and many of them – including respect, friendship and equality –

were on display here today."

"We are proud of the partnership we have formed with Skinner Street Primary School and are delighted the event went as well as it did. Perhaps one or two of the children who took part will be inspired to pursue their own sporting dreams in the future."

And Jack Colverson, 8, had the chance to carry the college's own Olympic torch after being rewarded for his kindness and hard work at school.

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Career opportunities at MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

Lecturer in Human Resources and Management P0482

18.5 hours per week

Salary: £26,336 - £30,118 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)

Maidstone

MidKent College has a long history of successfully preparing candidates for the very demanding CIPD national examinations and the rigorous requirements of the CMI programmes. We are now looking for someone who is committed to excellence in teaching to join the team. The successful candidate will have extensive professional experience in HRM and be able to use that experience to enhance their credibility in the classroom. Ideally you will be a Chartered Member of the CIPD but candidates in the final stages of gaining chartered status will be considered.

Quality Co-ordinator P0070

Salary: £24,842 - £31,516 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience)

Medway

We are seeking to appoint a Quality Co-ordinator who will make an important contribution to the monitoring and development of the college's quality improvement procedures and initiatives. Reporting to the Assistant Principal - Standards and Quality Improvement, you will work closely with the Faculty Heads and teaching and support staff across the college. You will act as the College Quality Nominee for awarding bodies and have a thorough understanding of the assessment processes of vocational provision.

College Youth Worker P0617

Salary: £20,724 - £26,702 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience)

Medway and Maidstone

We are looking to recruit a self-starter who is highly motivated and is able to give clear focus to our youth work, working as a member of our dedicated Student Support Team at the College's new state of the art campus in Medway and our Maidstone site that is undergoing refurbishment. You will be responsible for moving forward our established learner voice model and advocating student's voice throughout college. To support our Students' Union and engage our ever increasing number of 16-19 year olds in Citizenship, volunteering, sport and other enrichment activities to supplement their learning and development. You will continue to develop partnerships with local organisations to take forward joint projects. This is an exciting role where you will need to use your organisational, communication and team working skills to make a real difference to many young people's lives.

MIS Data Administrator P0104

Salary: £15,503 - £18,066 per annum

Medway

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Medway

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Mary Guarnieri, Matron on 01843 234555

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Linda McCafferty - Endoscopy Nurse on 07786 173796

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The alternative route for eastbound traffic is via Holborough Road, Queen's Avenue, Queen's Road, Waghorn Road and for westbound is via Waghorn Road, Queen's Road, Queen's Avenue, Holborough Road, Rocfort Road.

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(MILL HALL & STATION ROAD LEVEL CROSSINGS,
AYLESFORD)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent

County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Mill Hall and Station Road Level Crossings. Station Road will be closed between 23.40hrs on Friday 18th May 2012 to 04.00hrs Monday 21st May 2012 and Mill Hall will be closed between 23.40hrs on Friday 1st June 2012 to 20.00hrs Saturday 2nd June 2012.

The alternative route for Station Road is via Hall Road, A20 London Road, Rocky Hill, Broadway, St Peter's Bridge, Fairmeadow, A229 Royal Engineers Road, Running Horse Roundabout, Forstal Road, Bailey Bridge Road. There is no alternative route for Mill Hall, access will be maintained but delays are expected.

Network Rail apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for maintenance purposes. Should you require any further information regarding these works, please contact Kirsty Mallinson of Centurion Site Services Ltd on 01924 372957.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(WOODSIDE ROAD, RUSTHALL)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Woodside Road at the junction of Apsley Street on or after Monday 14th May 2012 for a period of up to 4 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Apsley Street, Rusthall Road, Harmony Street.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for gas mains replacement. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Glen Miller on 01233 714082.

John Burr
Director Kent Highways
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 13th May 2012

For further information, please contact
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HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford

CANTERBURY ROAD, BRABOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the installation of a new electricity supply cable, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Canterbury Road, Brabourne, on or after 2 June 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Pound Lane and Manor Pound Lane.

The alternative route is via Canterbury Road, Plain Road, Bridge Road, Lees Road and Manor Pound Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

A2990 (OLD) THANET WAY, HERNE BAY (40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the public and workforce whilst water mains replacement works are being carried out, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to impose a temporary mandatory speed limit of 40 mph on the A2990 (Old) Thanet Way, Herne Bay.

This affects the section of road from the Chestfield Road Roundabout eastwards to a point approximately 50 metres east of the junction with Westbrook Lane.

This takes effect on or after 28 May 2012 for up to 6 months, or until the works have been completed.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, WINCHEAP, CANTERBURY) (7.5T WEIGHT LIMIT) ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made an Order under sections, 1, 2(4) and part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order has the following effect:-

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| HOLLOW LANE, HOLLOWMEDE, ELHAM ROAD, COGANS TERRACE CANTERBURY | Prohibition of any goods vehicle with a maximum gross weight capable of exceeding 7.5 tonnes to proceed in Hollow Lane from the junction with Wincheap (A28) to the junction with Homersham or in Hollowmede, Elham Road, or Cogans Terrace, Canterbury, except for loading. |
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A copy of the order which comes into operation on the 21st day of May 2012, an explanatory statement and a plan showing the lengths of road concerned may be viewed at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ, and at Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury, CT1 1YW.

Anyone may, by application to the high court within 6 weeks of the publication of this notice, challenge the validity of the Order or of any provision contained within it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any statutory requirement in relation to the Order.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

PARDONERS WAY & PILGRIMS WAY, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to renew water pipes and install meters, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pardoners Way & Pilgrims Way, Buckland, Dover, on or after 28 May 2012 as shown below.

PARDONERS WAY will be closed for its entire length, from 28 May 2012 for up to 2 weeks.

The alternative route is via Pilgrims Way, Parsons Way, Weavers Way and Squires Way.

PILGRIMS WAY will be closed from 13 June 2012 for up to 3 weeks.

The closure will be between the junctions with Friars Way and Shipmans Way.

The alternative route is via Friars Way, Weavers Way, Old Park Hill and Pilgrims Way.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

DARNLEY ROAD, GRAVESEND- (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council Has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic in Darnley Road.

The Order will become effective on 14th May 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 5 days between the hours of 19:00 to 05:00. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Darnley Road, Overcliffe, Thames Way, B261, Dover Road, Dover Road East and Old Road West.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate UKPN to gain access to cable network.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (BRISHING ROAD, MAIDSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Brishing Road from outside Fleet Farm Cottage north to 2nd pole past bridge over stream Chart Sutton on or after Friday 18th May 2012 for a period of up to 1 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is via Brishing Lane , Heath Road and Vice versa.

BT openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are to allow access to overhead cables for a new customer connection ,should you require any further information regarding these works, their contact is Kate Podsiadlo on 0370 0500792 .

For further information or comment please call Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (HEREFORD ROAD, SHEPWAY) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Hereford Road on or after Monday 28th May 2012 for a period of up to 2 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Northumberland Road, Cambridge Crescent, Nottingham Avenue.

KCC Highways apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to carry out carriageway repairs. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Graham White on 08458 247 800.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (OTHAM LANE, OTHAM) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Otham Hole on or after Monday 14th May 2012 for a period of up to 1 day or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Honey Lane, White Horse Lane, Gore Court Road, Sutton Road, New Road.

KCC Highways apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for carriageway patching. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Gemma Catt on 08458 247 800.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PYE LANE, ULCOMBE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Pye Lane between Headcorn Road and Eastwood Road on or after Monday 14th May 2012 for a period of up to 1 week or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Headcorn Road and Eastwood Road.

KCC Highways apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to carry out ditching and carriageway repairs. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is John Reynolds on 08458 247 800.

STEPS HILL ROAD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of verge protection works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Steps Hill Road, on or after 28 May 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Chalky Road to A249 Detling Hill.

The alternative route is via Chalky Road, A249 Detling Hill.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

CROCKENHILL LANE, EYNSFORD - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Crockenhill Lane, Eynsford to Sparepenny Lane, Farningham.

The Order will become effective on 27th May 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 28th May 2012 and will last 3 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via:

Wested Lane, Swanley, B2173 London Road, Swanley, A20 London Road A20 Main Road, Farningham, A225 Eynsford Road, Eynsford, A225 High Street, Eynsford, Riverside Eynsford, Sparepenny Lane,Eynsford.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway patching works.

DALTONS ROAD/CROCKENHILL TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Daltons Road.

The Order will become effective on 13th May 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 14/05/2012 and will last 3 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Tyler Green Road, Crockenhill Road, Walden Road, East Hall Road, Gorse Road, Skeets Hill Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate essential water maintenance works.

SCRATCHERS LANE - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Scratchers Lane, Fawkham at the junction with Gorse Hill for 50m and Brands Hatch Paddock entrance.

The Order will become effective on 27th May 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 28th May 2012 and will last 2 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Gorse Hill, London Road, Fawkham Road also Speedgate Hill, Valley and Brands Hatch Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway surfacing works.

STANSTED LANE, SEVENOAKS (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Stansted Lane at the entrance of the London Golf Club to the junction of Ash Lane.

The Order will become effective on 13th May 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 13th May 2012 and will last for approx 4 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: London Road, Ash Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the Golf Live event.

SUN HILL, FAWKHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Due to allowing safe access for electricity pole shift, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sun Hill, Fawkham, on or after 28 May 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for the whole length.

There will be no access for through traffic from the junction of Three Gates Road to the junction with Valley Road, Longfield.

The alternative route is via Three Gates Road, Speedgate Hill, Valley Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Swale

POOT LANE, UPCHURCH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has intends to make Order prohibiting through traffic on Poot Lane, Upchurch, on or after 28 May 2012 for up to 3 days, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Shoregate Lane and The Street (Twinney Lane).

The alternative route is via The Street and the remainder of Poot Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

MINNIS ROAD, BIRCHINGTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of a railway bridge inspection, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Minnis Road, Birchington, on or after 14 May 2012, from 00.01 hrs until 06.00 hrs.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the railway bridge.

The alternative route is via Grenham Bay Avenue, Sea View Road, Grenham Road, Lyell Road, Station Approach and Minnis Road.

ST PETER'S FOOTPATH, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the public, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to prohibit waiting at all times on St Peter's Footpath, Margate, in the turning area opposite Drapers Mills Primary School, as defined below.

The specific section of St Peter's Footpath affected is on the northern side, from a point 20 metres south-east of the south-eastern boundary of number 7, for a distance of 20 metres south-eastwards into the turning area.

This Order takes effect on or after 28 May 2012 for up to 6 months or until superseded by a permanent Traffic Regulation Order.

For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



PLANNING

Planning applications

CANTERBURY
CITY COUNCIL

Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
 Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
 Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
 Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA/12/00242/FUL: Willow Cottage, Church Lane, Chisle, CT3 4EB Erection of single-storey extension forming garage and annexe to front of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr G Price** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00287/FUL: Kings School Recreation Centre, 1 St Stephens Road, Canterbury, CT2 7HU Installation of a photo voltaic (solar) panel system to the roof. (Retrospective application). **Applicant: The Kings School** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00490/FUL: 47 Albert Street, Whitstable, CT5 1HS Replacement front windows and front door. **Applicant: Mr Charles Short** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00603/LB: 19 King Street, Canterbury, CT1 2AJ Installation of satellite dish (Retrospective) **Applicant: Mr Heggie** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA/12/00635/FUL: 28 Hospital Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2PE Retrospective application for the replacement of ground floor sash window with French doors. **Applicant: Mr T Barnett** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00668/FUL: 7 Keats Corner, Canterbury, CT1 3FH Erection of conservatory to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr Chang** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00679/FUL: Sheepcote Farm, Duckpit Road, Waltham, CT4 5PY Single-storey extension to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mrs P Izard** Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.
CA/12/00682/FUL: Old Renville Farmhouse, Renville Farm Road, Bridge, CT4 5AD Application for a new planning permission to replace planning permission CA/09/0364/FUL for extensions to side and rear of garage. **Applicant: Mr John Roberts** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00683/LB: Sheepcote Farm, Duckpit Road, Waltham, CT4 5PY Single-storey extension to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mrs P Izard** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA/12/00688/FUL: 1 Lansdown Road, Canterbury, CT1 3JP Erection of hipped roof over existing flat roof. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Alexander** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00690/FUL: 64 Mortimer Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5PS Conversion of first-floor to two one-bed self contained flats and associated works. **Applicant: Mr Douglas** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00697/FUL: 6 Homeside Farm, Bossingham, Upper Hardres, CT4 6AR Extension to single garage to form double garage. **Applicant: Mr Fisher** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00699/FUL: Land to rear of 17-19 High Street, Whitstable, CT5 1AP Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of a two-storey extension to rear to provide storage on ground floor and self-contained flat on first-floor. (Revised scheme). **Applicant: Whitstable Non-Ecclesiastical Charities** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00702/VAR: 45-47 Wincheap, Canterbury, CT1 3SW Variation of condition 18 of planning permission CA/11/0822/FUL relating to the approved drawings, variation of design of roof of main building. **Applicant: GGT Properties** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00708/FUL: Anvil Green Farm, Anvil Green Road, Waltham, CT4 7EU Extensions and alterations to farmhouse and barn and erection of freestanding barn. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Beck** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA/12/00709/LB: Anvil Green Farm, Anvil Green Road, Waltham, CT4 7EU Extensions and alterations to farmhouse and barn and erection of freestanding barn. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Beck** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA/12/00720/FUL: 65-65A London Road, Canterbury Demolition of one pair of semi-detached dwellings and erection of 14 apartments. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Leng** Reason: Major development.
CA/12/00721/CAC: 65-65A London Road, Canterbury Demolition of one pair of semi-detached dwellings. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Leng** Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.
CA/12/00737/FUL: Woodlands House, Bourne Park, Bourne Park Road, Bishopsbourne, CT4 5BJ Construction of first-floor balcony. **Applicant: Mrs K Jelley** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00740/TPO: 103 Chestfield Road, Chestfield, CT5 3LU Fell one Apple tree subject of TPO No 2 1968. **Applicant: Chestfield Golf Club** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00744/LB: 28-29 High Street, Canterbury, CT1 2RX Replacement non-illuminated sign and hanging signs and replacement illuminated menu board. **Applicant: Prezzo PLC** Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA/12/00758/FUL: 19 King Street, Canterbury, CT1 2AJ Installation of satellite dish (Retrospective) **Applicant: Mr Heggie** Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.control@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before **Monday 4 June 2012**.

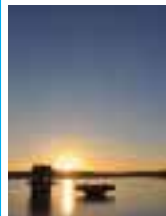
The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
 Friday 11 May 2012

Canterbury
City Council

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Canterbury City Council will be held at The Guildhall, Westgate, Canterbury at 7pm on Wednesday 16 May 2012.

Colin Carmichael
Chief Executive
 Canterbury City Council
 Military Road
 Canterbury CT1 1YW

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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

12/01233/FUL **The Schools At Somerhill Somerhill, Capel**
 - 1.80m high (green or black) powder coated and galvanised steel palisade security fencing (LB)
12/01208/FUL **39 Mount Ephraim Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
 - Reinstatement of first floor from residential to restaurant (Class A3) (CA) (LB)
12/01231/FUL **27 Church Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
 - Extension of Time: Change of use from offices to dwelling (TW/09/00982/FUL refers) (CA) (LB)
12/01281/LBC **Broad Oak House Mill Lane, Frittenden**
 - Listed Building Consent: Replacement of 12 casement windows (LB)
12/01218/HOUSE **Trillinghurst Farmhouse Ranters Lane, Goudhurst**
 - Two storey side extension (LB)
12/01221/LBC **Trillinghurst, Farmhouse Ranters Lane, Goudhurst**
 - Listed Building Consent: Two storey side extension (LB)
12/00790/FUL **Holly Shaw Queens Road, Hawkhurst**
 - Demolition of existing bungalow and garage, closure of existing vehicular accesses and erection of six dwellings (one detached house and a terrace of three houses and two apartments) with associated parking provision and the creation of new vehicular and pedestrian access to Queens Road (CA) (LB)
12/00792/CAC **Holly Shaw Queens Road, Hawkhurst**
 - Conservation Area Consent: Demolition of existing bungalow and garage (CA)
12/01227/HOUSE **Hawkhurst Place Oast Rye Road, Hawkhurst**
 - Fenestration alterations, 6 no. conservation rooflights and alterations to roof (LB)
12/01237/LBC **Lillesden Park Hastings Road, Hawkhurst**
 - Extension of Time: Listed Building Consent: Conversion and alteration to Lillesden House to form 14 residential apartments and demolition of former ancillary school buildings (TW/09/00882/LBC refers) (LB)
12/01270/FUL **Gate House Lamberhurst Road, Horsmonden**
 - Demolition of three detached garages and removal of porch. Two single storey extensions and a first floor extensions and alterations. Provision of replacement garage within residential curtilage and stable building outside residential curtilage (LB)
12/01275/LBC **Gate House Lamberhurst Road, Horsmonden**
 - Listed Building Consent: Demolition of three detached garages and removal of porch. Two single storey extensions and a first floor extensions and alterations. (LB)
12/01230/FUL **Coggers Farm House The Broadway, Lamberhurst**
 - Change of use from retail shop to residential (CA) (LB)
12/01057/LBC **23 High Street Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
 - Listed Building Consent - Fascia and projecting sign (LB)
12/01200/FUL **32 The Pantiles Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
 - Ground floor and basement: Change of use from A1 to A3 for a destination cake shop and cafe (CA) (LB)
12/01244/FUL **11A Little Mount Sion Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
 - Change of use from A2 Offices to a residential live work unit (CA) (LB)
12/01258/HOUSE **4 Poona Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
 - Demolition of existing single storey side extension. Replacement with single storey side extension, two storey in-fill rear extension and single storey rear extension (09/03562/HOUSE) - Variation of condition 3 to allow top half of windows to open and be non-obscured (CA)
12/01042/HOUSE **Edge Hill Camden Park, Park**
 - Rear dormer extension (CA)
12/01240/HOUSE **Saxon House Pembury Road, Park**
 - Rear two storey and rear single storey extensions and alterations to front elevation (CA)
12/01201/LBC **The Manor House 3 Lower Green Road, Pembury**
 - Listed Building Consent: Replacement and reconfiguration of garage doors and openings (LB)
12/00863/LBC **2 St Davids Bridge Cranbrook, Sissinghurst C/O Cranbrook Parish**
 - Listed Building Consent - Rear conservatory (LB)
 (DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting A Conservation Area (LB) Affecting A Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells.

We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
 Head of Planning Services
 Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS
Dated: 12 May 2012

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/12/0436/S - LINSTONE, EAST STREET, HUNTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0RB - Amendments to previously approved development under MA/11/1242 (conversion of existing double garage into additional living accommodation with first floor extension over) being alterations to fenestration detail and external materials to be used. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0510/S - HUNTON COURT FARM, WEST STREET, HUNTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0RR - Installation of a ground mounted solar array comprising 16 solar photovoltaic panels. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0515/N - 79, BANK STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1SD - Listed building consent for alterations to first floor and second floor rear windows including infilling of 1(no) window and replacement of windows with single glazed timber casements and internal alterations. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0601/N - 29 TO 39, ST FAITHS STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1LJ - Extension to existing railings to infill gap. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0619/S - LLOYDS PHARMACY, HIGH STREET, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0AA - Extension to shop front. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0625/N - 111, ASHFORD ROAD, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4BT - An application for listed building consent for internal alterations, demolition of existing conservatory, formation of new entrance with plinth wall/handrail, addition of extractor vents and other associated works. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0626/N - 111, ASHFORD ROAD, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4BT - Demolition of existing conservatory, formation of new entrance with plinth wall/handrail, addition of extractor vents, new parking space and other associated works. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0639/S - THE CABIN, OLD HERTSFIELD FARM, STAPLEHURST ROAD, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9BW - Retention of existing cabin as dwellinghouse. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0654/N - GODDINGTON, GODDINGTON LANE, HARRIETSHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1JX - Listed Building Consent for installation of up-and-over timber garage doors to outbuilding. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0661/S - LOOSE VALLEY NURSING HOME, 15, LINTON ROAD, LOOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0AG - Application for new planning permission to replace extant permission MA/08/2175 (Erection of a part two storey part single storey extension) in order to extend the time limit for implementation for a further three years. **Reason: 2, 6**

MA/12/0685/N - LEEDS CASTLE, ASHFORD ROAD, HOLLINGBOURNE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1PL - An application for listed building consent for reconfiguration of west path to sundial area within main courtyard and associated works. **Reason: 3**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 6 - Application is Major Development.



Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **27th May 2012**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 13th May 2012

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PLANNING



THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y12/0286/SH - The Wedge Sandgate Esplanade Sandgate Folkestone Kent - Erection of a two storey rear extension.

Y12/0333/SH - The Old School School Lane Newington Folkestone Kent - Retrospective application for conversion of existing store into self-contained flat.

Y12/0394/SH* - Land opposite Valiant Sailor New Dover Road Capel-Le-Ferne Kent - Erection of two detached dwellings (alternative scheme to that approved under Y11/0403/SH).

Y12/0412/SH - 1 Vicarage Lane Elham Canterbury Kent CT4 6TT - Erection of a single storey rear extension following removal of existing conservatory and two storey side extension.

Y10/0819/SH* - 4 Coronation Square Lydd Romney Marsh Kent TN29 9AT - Erection of two storey dwelling with parking space to front, following demolition of existing garage/store building.

Y12/0287/SH - The Wedge Sandgate Esplanade Sandgate Folkestone Kent - Listed building consent for the erection of a two-storey rear extension, installation of replacement double-glazed windows, the movement of an existing window and other internal alterations.

Y12/0407/SH † - 46 and 48 North Road Hythe Kent CT21 5DU - Erection of a two-storey rear extension.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

† - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council



THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY, VARIOUS ROADS) (PROVISION OF ON-STREET DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING PLACES) CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 32 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order will come into effect on the 21st May 2012 and shall consolidate all On-Street Disabled Persons' Parking Places stated in the following Orders -

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY, VARIOUS ROADS) (PROVISION OF ON-STREET DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2012

A copy of the Order, a copy of any Orders which may be consolidated by it, and a statement of the council's reasons for proposing it can be inspected during normal office hours at the Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY, during normal office hours.

If you have any questions concerning the proposed Order or require further information please contact Shepway District Council (Transportation Department), Council Offices, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY (01303 853240 during normal office hours).

This notice is published by Shepway District Council on behalf of Kent Highway Services, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XX. Kent Highway Services is part of Kent County Council.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

KCC/AS/0095/2012 - Proposed development at Eclipse Business Park, Brunswick Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1EL

European Metal Recycling Limited is applying to Kent County Council (as the Waste Planning Authority) for planning permission for a change of use of the whole site to a Scrap Metal Storage and Processing Facility, including the conversion of the front of the existing building into two storey weighbridge office/staff amenity block; construction of a non ferrous compound; creation of a new entrance from Brunswick Road; addition of palisade and site fencing/screening; installation of a weighbridge, tanks to hold fluids drained from End of Life Vehicles and a shear/densifier in the ferrous yard.

You may view this application via a computer link at the following locations: (a) Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford; and (b) Tenterden Gateway, 2 Manor Row, High Street, Tenterden.

KCC/SE/0140/2012 - Proposed development at Knole Academy, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 3LE

Kent County Council Property & Infrastructure Support is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for redevelopment of existing school site to include: Retention of existing school buildings. Erection of a new three storey Academy building. Retention of temporary classrooms permitted under reference SE/11/258 for a further temporary period until the new academy building is finished and decant is complete. Relocation of storage containers and garage to northern perimeter of site. Removal of current nursery building and relocation of use within existing Academy dance studio. Retention of existing hard surfaced games courts and sports playing fields and creation of a new All Weather Pitch and hard and soft play/recreation areas. Provision of 195 on site car parking spaces, 12 motorcycle parking spaces, 2 mini-bus parking spaces, 1 mini-coach parking bay, 8 bus/coach pick-up/drop off bays and 22 cycle space. Retention of existing vehicular entrances on to Bradbourne Vale Road and creation of a new access to the southern car park to provide for a bus drop off loop. Hard and soft landscaping. The proposed development does not accord with the provision of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

You may view this application at Sevenoaks District Council, Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1HG.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough/District Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 13 May 2012



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or its setting.
3. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 28th May 2012

SW/12/0378:

Construction of 'cart shed' styled single garage with open plan kitchen, dining room & living room to ground floor, one bedroom and bathroom to first floor, agricultural styled lean-to log store to left hand side of garage, accommodation to be used as holiday letting 8 months/year. - Tabard, Stalfield Green, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0451:

Conversion of redundant farm office to form a single dwelling - Cedar House, Lewson Street, NORTON; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0463:

Change of use of council land adjacent 90 Upper Brents Faversham, for use as additional private garden for 90 Upper Brents Faversham. The erection of a brick boundary wall with piers as shown on drawing no 2012-101-01 - Land adjacent 90 Upper Brents, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0494 &

SW/12/0495:

Residential caravan for use as agricultural forestry workers residence - Short Acre, Almshouse Road, THROWLEY; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/0497:

Listed Building Consent to demolish existing staircase, remove small sections of internal partitions and floor, construct new oak staircase - 28 Abbey Street, FAVERSHAM; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/0503:

First floor side extension and single storey rear extension - 1 Evergreen Close, IWADE; **REASON 4**

SW/12/0524:

Erection of single storey extension to rear conversion of loft to provide habitable space. Conversion of garage to provide study and utility room - 44 Preston Grove, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0528 &

SW/12/0529:

Installation of wood burning stove in Grade II Listed Building including flue system - The Old Stables, Newhouse Lane, SHELDDWICH; **REASON 2**

SW/12/0533 &

SW/12/0534:

Alterations to existing annexe construction of oak framed car shelter - Boughton Court Farm, South Street, BOUGHTON; **REASON 2**

SW/12/0540:

Listed Building Consent for installation of oil fired central heating boiler connected to existing single storey rear extension via a pipe through the brick wall. The boiler will stand on existing garden paving - Dungate House, Pistock Road, RODMERSHAM; **REASON 2**

SW/12/0545 &

SW/12/0546:

Removal of dilapidated outbuilding and glazed canopy. Construction of small extension with separate wc, plus new pitched roof to existing detached garage to replace flat room - 90 Abbey Street, FAVERSHAM; **REASONS 1 & 2**

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Kits Coty Brasserie, 15 Old Chatham Road, Bluebell Hill, Aylesford**

Applicant: **Allan Casey**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Cath Anley

Head of Libraries, Registration and Archives
Kent History and Library Centre

James Whatman Way
Maidstone, ME14 1LQ



PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

PUBLIC NOTICE LICENSING ACT 2003

Variation of Premises Licence

We John Meredith Freeman and Julie Reeman hereby give notice that we have made an application to the Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ for variation of a premises license to add the following licensable activities;

1. The provision of late night refreshment between 23:00 hours and 23:45 hours daily.
2. The provision of recorded music and dance between 16:00 hours and 23:00 hours daily and further
3. To permit an extension of the opening hours from 23:00 hours to 24:00 daily and
4. To alter the internal layout of the premises in accordance with plans lodged with Licensing Authority with this application

In respect of the premises situated at Pilgrims Way, Thurnham, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3LD and known by the sign of The Thurnham Suite to be known as the The Pilgrim Suite. The application can be viewed at the offices of the Licensing Authority, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m - Monday to Friday except public holidays) www.maidstone.gov.uk

Interested parties and responsible authorities may make representation concerning this application in writing to the above local authority and within 28 consecutive days of the submission of the application, that is no later than 1st June 2012.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. Any person who makes a false statement is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000.

Stephen Thomas LAW solicitors, 8 Grassmere, Leybourne, West Malling, Kent. ME19 5QP Authorised Agents for and on behalf of the applicants.

LICENSING ACT 2003: Application for Premises Licence

Notice is hereby given that

Gulshan Singh Arora

Of 7 Arethusa Road Chatham Kent ME1 2TZ

Has applied to Medway Borough Council, Gun Wharf, Dock road Chatham Kent ME4 4TR for the VARIATION of An existing off licence

Proposed hours for sale of alcohol: Monday to Saturday 8am until 11pm Sunday 8am - 22:30

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Any person wishing to submit representations to my/our application must give notice in writing to the address shown above, giving in detail the grounds of objection by 31st May 2012

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PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD

**NOTICE OF MODIFICATION ORDER
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT
THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH AE662, BRABOURNE)
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order was made on 3rd August 2011 under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. If confirmed, it will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a public footpath with a width of 1.0 metre which commences on Church Road opposite the Primary School and runs generally north-westwards for approximately 412.2 metres to its connection with public footpath AE285.

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order and Map may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AS or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may also be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order must be sent or delivered in writing to MRS MARIA MCCLAUCHLAN at the Kent County Council (address as below) no later than 25th June 2012. Please state the grounds on which it is made.

Please note that objections/representations cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain. Copies of any objections or representations received may be disclosed to interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

If no such representations or objections are duly made to the Order (or to any part of it), or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council, instead of submitting the Order to the Secretary of State (or part of it if the Authority has by Notice to the Secretary of State so elected under paragraph 5 of schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) may itself confirm the Order (or that part of the Order). If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment (in whole or in part), any representations or objections which have been duly made and not been withdrawn will be sent with it.

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT
THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH AE508 (PART) AT BONNINGTON)
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

On 25 April 2012 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order without modifications.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by deleting that length of Public Footpath AE508 which commences at NGR TR 0561 3490 (Point A) and runs in a north north-westerly direction on the eastern side of the field boundary for 109 metres to NGR TR 0557 3500 (Point B). Between points A-B on the Order plan; and add a section of Public Footpath AE508 with a width of 1.2 metres which commences at NGR TR 0561 3490 (Point A) and runs in a north north-westerly direction on the western side of the field boundary for 116 metres to NGR TR 0556 3500 (Point C). The path then joins with AE508 on map sheet 126 (TR03NE).

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during office hours at the offices of Ashford Borough Council, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AS or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there.

This Order became operative as from 25 April 2012 but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(i) or 53(3)(c)(iii) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in

relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 13 May 2012 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT
THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH AE506 (PARTS) AT BONNINGTON)
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2012**

On 25 April 2012 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order without modifications.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by removing (a) that length of Public Footpath AE506 which commences at NGR TR 0578 3506 (Point A) and runs in a south south-westerly direction for 71 metres to NGR TR 0574 3500 (Point B). Between points A-B on the Order plan; and to delete (b) that length of Public Footpath AE506 which commences at NGR TR 0573 3493 (Point C) and runs in a north north-easterly direction for 83 metres to NGR TR 0577 3500 (Point D). Between points C-D on the Order plan; and to add (a) a section of Public Footpath AE506 with a width of 1.2 metres which commences at NGR TR 0578 3506 (Point A) and runs in a south south-westerly direction for approximately 65 metres to NGR TR 0576 3500 (Point E); and to add (b) a section of Public Footpath AE506 with a width of 1.2 metres which commences at NGR TR 0573 3493 (Point C) and runs in a north north-easterly direction for 77 metres to NGR TR 0576 3500 (Point E).

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during office hours at the offices of Ashford Borough Council, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AS or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there.

This Order became operative as from 25 April 2012 but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(i) or 53(3)(c)(iii) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 13 May 2012 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT
THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH AE493 (PART) AT ALDINGTON)
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

On 25 April 2012 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order without modifications.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by removing that length of Public Footpath AE493 which commences at NGR TR 0696 3507 (Point A) and runs in a southerly direction for 75 metres to NGR TR 0695 3500 (Point B). Between points A-B on the Order plan; and add a section of Public Footpath AE493 with a width of 1.2 metres which commences at NGR TR 0696 3507 (Point A) and continues in a south south-westerly for 76 metres to NGR TR 0694 3500 (Point C). The path then joins with AE493 on map sheet 125 (TR03SE).

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during office hours at the offices of Ashford Borough Council, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AS or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there.

This Order became operative as from 25 April 2012 but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question

the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(i) or 53(3)(c)(iii) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 13 May 2012 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT
THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH AE271 (PART) AT BRABOURNE)
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2012**

On 25 April 2012 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order without modifications.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by removing that length of Public Footpath AE271 which commences at NGR TR 0993 4170 (Point A) and runs in a south-easterly direction for 80 metres to NGR TR 1000 4166 (Point B). Between points A-B on the Order plan; and add a section of Public Footpath AE271 with a width of 1.2 metres which commences at NGR TR 0992 4175 (Point C) and runs in a south-easterly direction for 101 metres to NGR TR 1000 4169 (Point D). The path then joins with AE271 on map sheet 145 (TR14SW).

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during office hours at the offices of Ashford Borough Council, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AS or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there.

This Order became operative as from 25 April 2012 but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(i) or 53(3)(c)(iii) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 13 May 2012 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT
THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH HM72 (PART) AT BREZZETT)
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2012**

On 25 April 2012 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order without modifications.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by deleting that length of Public Footpath HM72 which commences at NGR TR 0272 3019 (Point A) and runs in a south south-easterly direction for 211 metres to NGR TR 0279 3000 (Point B). Between points A-B on the Order plan; and add a section of Public Footpath HM72 with a width of 1.2 metres which commences at NGR TR 0272 3019 (Point A) and runs in a southerly direction for 197 metres to NGR TR 0275 3000 (Point C). The path then joins with HM72 on map sheet 120 (TR02NW).

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

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A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during office hours at the offices of Shepway District Council, The Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT19 4QB or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there.

This Order became operative as from 25 April 2012 but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(i) or 53(3)(c)(iii) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 13 May 2012 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

PROW - DISTRICT OF THANET

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER
TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH TR34 AT NEWINGTON, RAMSGATE)
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2012**

The above named Order, made on 20th April 2012 under Section 247 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, will divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered TR34, which commences at NGR TR 3675 6632 (point A on the Order plan) and runs in an east-north-easterly direction for 33 metres to its connection with Newington Road at NGR TR 3678 6633 (point B), and will add a new length of public footpath numbered TR34 with a width of 1.8 metres, which commences at the aforementioned point A and runs in an east-south-easterly direction for 33 metres to its connection with Newington Road at NGR TR 3678 6631 (point C).

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Gateway Plus, Thanet District Council, Thanet Highway Unit, Council Offices, P.O. Box 9, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent, CT9 1XZ or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Mrs Maria McLauchlan at the Kent County Council (address as below) not later than 11th June 2012. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that objections/representations cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain. Copies of any objections or representations received may be disclosed to interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 1XX

Dated: 13th May 2012



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- 6 nights half-board in Diano Marina, including Free Drinks 6pm

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EMMA pretty 30yr old Scottish lassie, new to the area and looking for some nice company, give me a call and we can take it from there. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385373

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SOPHIE lonely fun attractive female, 21, looking for fun nights out and cosy nights in with similar male, any age/looks. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389731

LADY 60's, bubbly, hurt in past, likes socialising, cooking, cats, holidays, seeks kind honest gent, 58-65 for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389653 ☺

JACQUELINE 51, 5ft 8ins, green eyes, auburn hair, likes theatre, walks, seeks honest, down to earth, sincere fun man for good times, friendship and nights out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387539 ☺

ALICE 18yr old tall blonde carefree student, looking for exciting male 18-30 for good times only. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387107 ☺

MANDY 45, 5ft 6ins, attractive, blue/green eyes, trendy, seeks tall, N/S male of similar age with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384555

HI I'm Jo, petite, pretty, fed up with own company, seeking male to help me get back into the swing of things, for uncomplicated fun times together. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387103 ☺

DEBBIE slim outgoing approachable attractive lassie, 33yrs, GSOH, sporty, looking for non serious fun male for friendship, maybe more. Any age/looks/status. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387101 ☺

CHARLIE young 37yr old blonde attractive nurse, OHAC, no ties, new to the area and dating scene, looking to find love with genuine available male, 25-42 with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387051 ☺

LAURA single female 22yrs, blonde, blue eyes, very attractive with curvy figure, WLTLM older male for fun times only. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387049 ☺

TASHA single working mum seeks light hearted man, 35-45 who also likes to enjoy life to the full for passion, romance and tlc. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387047 ☺



YVONNE professional 35yr old female looking for someone to relax with, affectionate attractive and looking for same. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388111

SANDY slim attractive green eyed female, loves romantic walks, animals, WLTLM loving caring guy for tactile relationship and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388109

DEBBIE 5ft 8ins, short dark hair/eyes, slim, daughter, easygoing, likes dinner, cinema, bowling, gym, music, travel, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386337

SUE young looking vivacious female with great sense of humour, OHAC, independent, interesting and sensual, seeking single tactile male. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386275

DEBS 38 green eyed sophisticated blonde, attractive size 12, not looking for anything long term or steady just fun with intelligent male, 30-60yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386273

51YR old lady, seeking fun loving, genuine man for socialising and LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389840 ☺

KEELY blonde 18yr old, blue eyes size 10, busty, stays at home too much and looking for casual fun with older male with OHAC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385377

WENDY enjoys most things in life and is up for anything, whatever you fancy? I'm willing to give it a go! Call me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382079 ☺

SARAH 40's black hair, blue eyes, curvy, outgoing, N/S, likes meals out, cosy nights in, seeking tall, good looking male who loves a laugh. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388626

GEM 24, slim blonde with blue eyes, single mum of one, broadminded and extremely easygoing, WLTLM genuine male for LTR. Dads welcome. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385369

BECKY single 29yr old slim female, attractive, blonde, seeking good times with fun male who does not take life too seriously. Status/age unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383057 ☺

CHRIS outgoing secretary, enjoys nice wine, romantic meals, looking for easygoing male to get to know and just see what develops. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383055 ☺

KIRSTY 44yr going on 24yrs, sensual, attractive and in need of spoiling, and attention, seeks likeminded male for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383051 ☺

TIA 38yr old attractive blonde female, likes keep fit, home life, looking for similar genuine romantic for sensual relationship and good friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382081 ☺

JENNY very feminine attractive mature classy female with beautiful blue eyes, looking for male to enjoy plenty of laughs and get to know. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386303

PETITE French lady, likes to be spoiled/pampered, seeks gent, 40-55 for discreet liaisons. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379579

GWEN lovely dark haired, dark blue eyed slim sensual female with GSOH, WLTLM male 35-50 for fun dates and romantic nights in together. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380443 ☺

CARMEL blonde brown eyed girl, employed with OHAC, likes meals out, walking, looking for loving relationship with caring down to earth male, ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380001

TRACY 39, fun blue eyed busty blonde, a little dizzy at times but a big bundle of fun, WLTLM professional male for good times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384045

JO 21yr old single mum who loves nights out, seeks understanding male for adult fun and more. ACA. Can accommodate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384043

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YACHT owning male, 52, seeks laughing lady who needs excitement and friendship. Hants/West Sussex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390195

ROBERT 31, 6ft, blondish hair, blue eyes, fun loving, single, seeking female with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389941 ☺

EASYGOING broadminded passionate male, seeks lady of any age for passion and exciting friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389939

DAVID light hearted positive 58yr old male, has high expectation of what he can offer a woman aged between 30-52. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383275

DENTAL practitioner handsome 47, 6ft, blue eyes, dark hair, seeks slim feminine female for cycling, tennis, golf and dinners out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390798 ☺

JOHN young 53yr old, no ties, medium build, 5ft 7ins, blue eyes, laidback, black belt, likes music, meals out, nights in, self employed, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389529 ☺

48YR old female, seeks tall, caring male in the West Sussex area. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388974

HANNAH 34 slim petite green eyed single mum with many 5ft 8ins, interest, seeking discreet older male for mutual companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379977

SAM 35, green eyed voluptuous, busty, loves football, theatre, travel, red wine, WLTLM older male up to 65yrs for sensual relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379975

KERRY 32yr old single mum of one, ready to move on with a new relationship, WLTLM genuine male for flirty dates, text fun and more. Pls Call. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383901 ☺

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Couple who champion a very special place need a helping hand to rock on

The Thanet coast has attracted holidaymakers for centuries, but its natural heritage has not always been appreciated. **Dave Mairs** meets two people who are trying to change all that.

It has been one of the few success stories to emerge from Thanet in recent years. A corner of Kent that continues to make headlines for the wrong reasons has had welcome and ample reason to rejoice in the sustained popularity of the Rock Doc walks in which local geologist Dr Alasdair Bruce and wife Kim share some of the many physical and natural delights of the isle's coast with those keen enough to learn.

Up to 9,000 people have taken part in the walks, while wholly positive TV coverage has come by way of slots on A Place By The Sea, Countryfile and Coast, among others.

And now those public walks could fold...

With ever-tighter sources of finance, changes in funding at Thanet Coast Project, which has subcontracted the walks, have brought new restrictions.

Factors such as proximity to deprived areas and the matter of targeted audiences (single mothers, for example) now carry more weight, and it appears the Rock Doc experience does not tick enough of the bean-counters' boxes.

Strange, given that parts of Thanet might seem unhappily well qualified for such a scheme, but Alasdair and his wife are urgently seeking sponsorship for their walks if they are to remain part of the isle's tourism agenda.

They are in talks with at least one company and hopeful that the walks may be back on the scene later this year.

The walks began in 2002 and a year later the Rock Doc, which is operated as a private company, was subcontracted by Thanet Coast Project. At its peak, there were 16 walks and eight Geology Rocks sessions a year, figures that have already fallen to 10 and two respectively.

The prospect of 'Walks with the Rock Doc' vanishing altogether would be an undoubted



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"There are children inland in east Kent who haven't been to the beach. We have more schools from outside the area than inside joining us."

blow to Thanet's tourism offering, and Alasdair is keen to stress where the priorities lie.

"It's not about me," he said as I joined him and his wife on a stroll around Kingsgate Bay. "It's about the area and getting it known to as many people as possible. I would certainly like to think the Rock Doc had raised the profile of the area.

"The joy of the Thanet coast is that it doesn't have to be worked on – it looks after itself. We just give an enhanced experience of something that is already extraordinarily special."

That, at least, is hard to dispute. The isle's chalk cliffs are themselves a wonderful and striking feature of the coastline, but the more closely you look at them and their associated

beaches and rock pools, the more you realise quite how much life, or indeed life from millions of years ago, there is to discover.

From fossils to seaweeds, from birds to algae (one cave hosts a species found nowhere else in the world), the place is a treasure trove of the natural and the historical.

On our walk, Alasdair points out a fossil embedded in the cliff and says: "That's 80 million years old – it's seeing the light of day for the first time in that whole period."

And it isn't just the hard stuff that impresses. "John Craven came here with Countryfile and said that we in Thanet had one of the top four beaches [Botany Bay] he had visited in the UK," said Alasdair.

Incredibly, though, there are people just a few miles away for whom such delights are unknown. Kim ("I spent my life on the beach when I was younger") takes up the theme: "There are children inland in east Kent who haven't been to the beach. We have more schools from outside the area than inside joining us."

It's something the pair are trying to address. "Rock Doc is primarily about education and research, but the walks give me the opportunity to talk to tourists and locals alike about what is on their doorstep," said Alasdair.

While Rock Doc Ltd is holding its own in a competitive marketplace, the loss of the public walks would be a sad loss to the area. But for those of us sadly familiar with the way in which Thanet has been so grossly over-developed while its economy still flounders, we'll leave the last word to Kim:

"Our environment is the way to get our tourism back – we just wish more people could see that."

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Fruit & veg challenge gives children chance to be growing for gold

THERE is a very different type of track-and-field event going on in Kent this year as primary-school children compete for medals in vegetables.

To mark the countdown to the 2012 Olympics in London, youngsters are joining in with the Create a Fruit & Veg Masterpiece art competition backed by local food and drink champions Produced in Kent.

Supported by Archant KoS Media, the competition invites primary-school children from reception class to year 6 to create a picture depicting the London Games using fruit and vegetables.

The challenge is to only use in-season produce grown in the Garden of England during the early summer.

Schoolchildren, after-school allotment clubs, Cub Scouts, Brownies and Sunday schools can all enter individually or in groups, and the three best entries in both the individual and group categories will be fast-tracked to a fabulous live final to be held at Broadview Gardens, in

Hadlow College, on Friday, June 29.

Children will then have the chance to re-create their fruit and veg masterpiece under starter's orders from celebrity foodscape artist and the live final judge, Carl Warner.

Finalists will be awarded gold, silver or bronze medals and a bumper selection of prizes, including framed foodscape pictures entitled

London Skyline and the new children's foodscape book A World of Food, personally signed by Warner.

Julie Monkman, manager at Produced in Kent, said: "Create a Fruit & Veg Masterpiece really does introduce young people to the wonders of the Garden of England in an enjoyable and creative way and I would encourage all competition entrants to join the race and go for gold."

Also up for grabs is the book, My 10 Olympic Days, by the double-Olympic gold-medallist Kent athlete Dame Kelly Holmes.

Entrants simply need to email a photo of their picture to the judges at events@producedinkent.co.uk before the deadline of Monday, June 11. More details at www.producedinkent.co.uk.



■ The 2012 fruit and vegetable art contest has been made a reality this year by the generous sponsorship of abm catering, Hadlow College and RJ Kingstand & Son.

The three sponsors are all uniquely linked via their involvement with one of the UK's leading colleges dedicated to the agriculture and horticulture sectors.

RJ Kingstand supplies its fresh fruit and vegetable to abm catering, while abm is the caterer at Broadview Garden Centre and tea rooms on-site at Hadlow College.

Produced in Kent's Julie Monkman said: "By picking up the sponsorship baton, these three companies are passing on the important message of eating locally-grown and seasonal produce to the next generation via this fun fruit-and-veg art competition."



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DOVER 2012 Tattoo Military Spectacular

Display teams in force Dover Tattoo

Fort Burgoyne, Dover

Friday and Saturday, June 1-2
01304 229111
www.dovertattoo.org.uk

MORE seats have gone on sale to the general public for the 2012 Dover Tattoo. Enjoy The Band of The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, The Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas, The Pipes and Drums 1st Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles and the Combined Cadet Force of the South East, who will be on parade with music and precision marching drills. The world-famous White Helmets motorcycle display team will enthral the audience, performing a variety of tricks and rides, including car jumps, high-speed cross-overs and its trademark trick, the Fire Jump. The evening will commence with The Tigers free-fall parachute display team dropping in to the arena.

Kicks, slams and suplexes LDN Wrestling

The Orchard, Dartford

Friday, June 8, 7.30pm
01322 220 000
www.orchardtheatre.co.uk

CHAMPIONSHIP wrestling, full of sparkly costumes and audience participation, is coming to The Orchard Theatre for an evening of suplexes and bodyslams.

Boo the bad guys and cheer on your favourites as you get up close and personal. After the show, you'll get the chance to meet the stars and grab a souvenir or two. Don't miss out on some of the top names in British wrestling, including British heavyweight champion Alan Lee Travis; wrestling politician Richard Parliament; and the masked man of mystery, the Dark Lord. So ready your banners for an evening of high-flying fun. Tickets are priced at £12 for adults and £10 for under-16s. Family tickets are available.



Classical treat from quartet The Sacconis

St Mary & St Eanswythe's Church, Folkestone

Friday to Sunday, May 18-20
01303 858500

THE Kent-based Sacconi String Quartet has recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of its foundation. Despite tours and increasing demand from overseas, the Sacconis have, for the fifth consecutive year, opted to base their chamber-music festival at St Mary & St Eanswythe's Church in the old centre of Folkestone.

As in previous festivals, the Sacconis have invited other young musicians to join them, including pianist Tom Poster, clarinetist Matthew Hunt and a full chamber orchestra made up of players from The Royal College of Music. This is a festival that no classical-music-lover in east Kent should miss. The Cavatina Chamber Music Trust sponsors free access to the festival concerts for eight- to 25-year-olds.



Case studies Arty Thanet in gallery focus

Harbour Arm, Margate

Sat to Tue, May 12-22
01843 260260
www.margateharbourarm.co.uk

MARGATE Harbour Arm Gallery is reopening with an exhibition of Thanet images. An exhibition of new work by artist and photographer David Case opens at The Margate

Harbour Arm Gallery on Saturday this weekend. It will be the first exhibition at the venue since the six-month closure of the harbour arm during sea-defence work. The exhibition is a collection of photographic montages based on Thanet and entitled Reflections on reality: the fundamental interconnectedness of all things. Case said: "Thanet is a place of powerful nature, challenge and revelations." The gallery is open from 11am to 6pm and admission is free.

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Winging it... Air show back after so long

The Leas, Folkestone
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1pm-5pm
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A BATTLE in the sky will take place next month over Folkestone. Not literally, of course... it is just the much-anticipated return of the Folkestone Airshow. After nine years away, Folkestone Town Centre Management and Heritage Special Event are bringing the Folkestone Jubilee Airshow to commemorate a very significant year for the royals. As well as static displays and a funfair along The Leas, there will be the Red Arrows, Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, a Lancaster bomber, a Hurricane, a Spitfire, a Typhoon, the Breitling



Wingwalkers and many more. Just some of the stalls will feature air-related attractions and simulators for all the family. In the town there will be static tanks and jeeps, a

Help for Heroes stand and Nepalese groups showing their skills. All aircraft are subject to RAF Operational requirements and all displays are subject to the weather.



Follow the snail trails One shell of a day out

Brogdale Farm, Faversham
Saturday, May 26
01227 728613, www.snailfarm.org.uk

THE Slow Summer Snail Farm reopens its doors for the summer on Saturday, May 26, with a Snail Festival family event. This year's celebration of things shelled incorporates the Kent County snail-racing championships and a snail trail treasure hunt. Admire the snails' brown and gold-patterned shells; tempt them with different vegetables and fruit, handle the snails and find out about the history of snail-farming. From May 26 it will be open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturday and Sunday from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Deep-sea rescue and gunpowder gizmos Daring by the docks

Historic Dockyard, Chatham
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YOU can spring into action with some explosive activities at the Historic Dockyard in Chatham during weekends in May. From 1pm to 3pm every Saturday and Sunday the dockyard will be packed with science and technology drop-in sessions, giving visitors the chance to mix up their own gunpowder and try their hand at firing a miniature cannon or rocket missile. And from Tuesday to Sunday, June 5-10, there will be shipwrecks-and-rescue events as part of the RNLI Historic Lifeboat Collection gallery, where dramatic tales of disastrous shipwrecks and gallant rescues will be told. Youngsters can make and test their own self-righting lifeboat in a stormy-sea simulation tank in the No 1 Smithery, or have a go at medal-making, or even take the Seagull Trail to meet Stormy Stan, the RNLI's mascot.

Great British Home Show Ticket offer

Glow, Bluewater
Thu to Mon, May 31-June 4
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THE Great British Home Show 2012 heads to the new exhibition centre at Bluewater for five days at the end of this month. The showcase highlights the

best in home-improvement and enhancement, offering advice to DIY fans. See top furnishing ideas and décor for every room in the home as well as spectacular garden examples. BBC's DIY SOS presenter Oliver Heath, celebrity builder Craig Phillips and Gardeners' World's Alys Fowler will all be on show. Readers of this newspaper can get two tickets for the reduced price of £12 by going to the ticket section of the website www.gbhomeshow.co.uk and entering the code KOS1.



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Jazz guitarist back at club John Etheridge

Dock Road, Chatham

Friday, May 18, at 8.30pm
01634 365352
Tickets £10 on the door

HIGHLY-RATED jazz guitarist John Etheridge is playing the popular monthly gig at the RAF Association Club this month. This is the second visit to the club by Etheridge, who is accomplished in both acoustic and electric guitar, playing many styles from 1930s Hot Club swing to rampaging bebop and on to soulful blues. He has toured and recorded with many well-known names, including John Williams, Soft Machine, Dizzy Gillespie and Nigel Kennedy, to name a few. Also appearing at the Chatham club will be violinist Chris Garrick, who has been touted as the best young violinist in jazz today. He can conjure up an astonishing range of sounds and has worked with big names like Bryan Ferry, Dolly Parton, Van Morrison, Katie Melua and Cleo Laine.



Festival debut for sax legend Courtney Pine

Theatre Royal Margate

Friday to Sunday, June 22-24
01227 787787
www.theatreroyalmargate.com

INTERNATIONAL jazz star Courtney Pine CBE is playing the Theatre Royal as part of Margate Jazz Festival 2012. This year will be the first that Pine and his band have

played the festival, which is maintaining its reputation for attracting some of the top names in jazz, including Nigel Kennedy and Jamie Cullum. Festival-founder Dave Mossman said: "Jazz is all about eye-to-eye contact, and to see Courtney perform with a six-piece band in such an intimate setting will be incredible."

Saxophonist Pine arrived on the British music scene in 1987. His debut album, Journey To The Urge Within, was the first jazz album to make the UK Top 40. He has two MOBO Awards.

Jungle laughs Benidorm star ready to rock

The Orchard, Dartford

Sunday, June 24
01322 220000
www.orchardtheatre.co.uk

I'M a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here comedienne Crissy Rock has booked a gig at The Orchard Theatre next month. The Liverpool lass will bring her one-woman stand-up

show to Kent and no doubt have a few anecdotes about the celebrity friends who starred alongside her in this year's jungle reality show. Rock is also known for her role as Janey in ITV comedy series Benidorm, while her recent autobiography has become something of a sensation, sitting in the top 10 of the Sunday Times best-seller list for a healthy long time. This will be one outrageous evening of top entertainment. But be warned... the show will contain adult material. Tickets are priced at £21.50.



Our survey says... Legally Blonde is hot

The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

Tuesday to Saturday, June 5-16
01227 787787
www.marlowetheatre.com

LES Dennis stars alongside X-Factor's Ray Quinn in the international hit musical Legally Blonde at The Marlowe next month. Winner of seven major gongs, including Best Musical 2011 at the Olivier Awards, the romantic comedy is based on the hit Hollywood movie. Elle Woods is dumped by her boyfriend Warner, so she decides to follow him to Harvard Law School and win him back. Faye Brooks heads the cast, while one of Britain's favourite entertainers, Les Dennis, plays Professor Callahan. His long career includes TV's Family Fortunes, Life's Too Short and Extras, as well as a UK tour of Hairspray.



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ALL cars require pretty much the same effort to design and produce, yet bigger cars command more profit.

So it's no wonder that carmakers are pooling resources on city cars to meet our need to downsize. The Toyota Aygo, Peugeot 107 and Citroen C1 are triplets, the Nissan Pixo and Suzuki Alto are clones, and the Suzuki Splash and Vauxhall Agila are peas from the same pod.

And now the VW group is at it; Volkswagen has launched the Up three and five-door city car and June sees the arrival of Seat Mii and Skoda Citigo clones from VW's Spanish and Czech arms respectively – all three are produced at the same Slovakian plant, which helps keep costs down and pressures their dearer rivals.

With the VW badge occupying a premium position compared to Seat and Skoda though, the Up is priced from £7,995 – slightly above the Mii (from £7,845) and Citigo (from £7,630) – and also has more distinctive styling thanks to a kicked up rear window line, while its two sisters have a straight line from front to rear.

The price differences might not seem much, but they mean a lot at this budget end of the market where the zero or £30 a year road tax – after year one – is a big consideration for those motoring on a shoestring.

In that case, the Skoda has the edge surely? Not so fast.

The Skoda might have the lowest entry price at £7,630, but the Mii is the cheapest to offer air con with the S A/C model (£8,345) – you'll need £8,530 to get you into the SE spec Citigo that comes with air con.

In fact, you need to go through the trim and spec lists carefully to pick the Skoda or Seat that suits you, and it still might come down to a badge thing anyway.

Seat of course, has a track record in this baby car sector that might bring some previous customers back to the fold; it made the highly popular Arosa until 2004 and continues to cultivate a sporty image that might attract younger buyers to the Mii ahead of the Citigo.

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EGGS used to be marketed with the slogan "Go to work on an egg" and, if you commute by car, you still can – in a Mitsubishi MiEV.

Looking rather like it was hatched rather than designed, it's an all-electric spin-off from the Japanese marque's clever but now discontinued iCar. Some say the iCar's looks were its downfall, but £9,000+ was a lot for a strictly four-seat city car.

This suggests that the MiEV (Mitsubishi innovative Electric Vehicle) has even less appeal at £23,990 after the Government's £5,000 electric car grant. You do get alloys and electric windows and other goodies, but so you should.

Get over the initial eye-watering though and the MiEV makes sense as a long term second car costing peanuts to run and escaping road tax, or for commuting into a Kent town or London, where electric cars are congestion and parking charge free.

On the face of it, creating the electric car from its petrol sister was simple: apart from being nearly identical, the original 63bhp turbo-charged three-cylinder petrol engine ahead of the rear wheels was replaced by a zero emission electric motor developing similar output.

But how they both used that power highlights a benefit of electric propulsion: the MiEV's motor delivers more than twice the torque or pulling power of the combustion engine, allowing 0-62mph in under nine seconds – the iCar managed just 14.9 seconds.

Drive the MiEV flat out and you'll soon have flat batteries, but sensible use of such power allows the MiEV to emerge promptly from a junction to join a stream of traffic – it can hit 30mph in less than six seconds – while regenerative braking helps recharge the batteries en route.

On our test drive, courtesy of Canterbury Mitsubishi, it showed good road manners too: the wheel-at-each-corner design ensures a good ride,

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HIGHS AND LOWS: It's got speed and longevity, but some may struggle to accept the price of the Mitsubishi MiEV

with little fore and aft rocking for a short car, while the underseat batteries keep the weight low slung, giving excellent stability on bends despite your eyes suggesting that this narrow yet tall car should corner on its door handles.

The rear-wheel drive layout also means a neat turning circle and light, responsive steering – again perfect for urban driving.

Okay, the styling comes from the Marmite school of design – you love it or hate it – but it is a functioning four-seater with a passable boot. Honed by life in busy Japanese cities, the original iCar design outsmarted the German Smart by offering twice the seats yet being just 700mm longer – 3.4 metres in total.

Boot space is 227 litres, expanding to 860 with rear seats folded – not so surprising, considering the generous rear headroom. These figures compare with 139/751 and 251/951, for the Toyota Aygo and VW Up city cars respectively.

But what do you get back for your big upfront outlay on a MiEV?

Mitsubishi claims a 93-mile range, requiring £2 to charge overnight – £1.05 with Economy 7 – but you can elect for an 80 per cent/30-minute quick charge, all via the car's own lead, which plugs into a household 13-amp socket.

This amounts to £270 for 12,000 miles driving – £135 on Economy 7 – which Mitsubishi claims equates to just six per cent of the fuel costs of a comparable petrol car, before taking zero road tax and free parking into account. Servicing is also minimal.

Ah, but what about the batteries? Mitsubishi says they will still hold 80 per cent of their charging power after 10 years or around 94,000 miles. I'm betting that battery technology will have surged upwards and costs plummeted by then – remember the progress of mobile phone batteries?

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Golf Cab gets GTI flagship

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Arden MINI/BMW recruits new Motability Specialist

Arden MINI/BMW Aylesford is pleased to welcome a new Motability Specialist to their team. Martin Pallister recently joined the dealership to provide North Kent locals with advice and expertise on choosing a new car through Motability.

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Martin commented " Arden MINI/BMW has a fine reputation for providing excellent customer service and I'm looking forward to offering this to our Motability customers. By having a dedicated specialist, Arden will be able to offer home visits when required and provide information and advice to people in the area who are thinking about leasing a Motability car. With the spacious 5 door Mini Countryman starting at £99 advance payment, it's a particularly exciting time to start."

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Kia is Ceeding the next generation

By Sam Davison

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KIA'S new-generation Ceed arrives in the next few weeks, but it will find it tough to be as pivotal as the 2007 original.

That car changed our attitude to the Korean brand; the Ceed was European in style, quality and dynamics and introduced the marque's unique seven-year/100,000-mile warranty – since extended to all its cars.

From being dismissed as a value brand, Kia suddenly became mainstream and ensured a good reception for models that have followed, such as the racy latest-generation Sportage SUV, all-new Picanto city car, sharp-suited Rio super-mini and Optima family saloon. So, instead of being the standard-bearer last time, the new Ceed joins the ranks of a successful line-up.

One area where it can shine, though, is in style. Kia's German design chief Peter Schreyer – the man who penned the original Audi TT – arrived just after the original Ceed entered production, but the new car exhibits his new brand template, including the distinctive 'Tiger nose' corporate grille.

This new Ceed should challenge top European models such as the VW Golf, Ford Focus and Vauxhall Astra, with top-quality handling and ride, as well as the old car's obvious practical qualities and value.

To all these ends, the car is longer and lower with a wider track yet retains its predecessor's 2,650mm wheelbase – one of the longest in the



DIFFERENT WORLD: The previous Ceed was a game-changer for Kia... this latest model arrives in a market that has already embraced the Korean marque

C-segment. It's a shame, though, that Kia carried over the silly model name – it's supposed to be written c'eed, but nobody can be bothered to remember why.

It should look the part, however, with Kia promising some big alloys to fill the wheel-arches, adding to the lower, wider look.

Powertrains have been upgraded – though the previous car's 1.6-litre diesel was already a

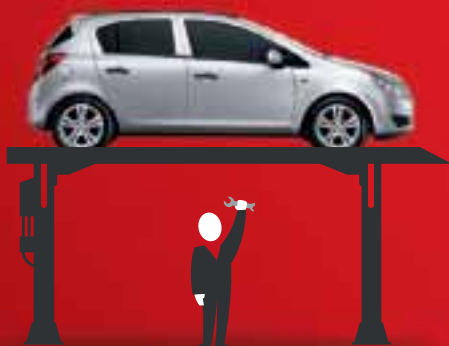
marvel – and there will be a VW-style dual-clutch transmission, allowing easy automatic driving in towns, with slick manual gear-selection on demand.

Kia says it has worked hard on the car's NVH (noise, vibration and harshness) cabin qualities to match increasingly demanding big-car values required in this sector, as shown by the latest Golf, Astra and Focus.

The brand has said the five-door hatch will soon be followed by a versatile SW estate replacement, and we would expect a sporty three-door follow-up in due course to replace the current Procee model and add glamour to the line-up.

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FOOTBALL

Fallen idol ponders 'exciting' place on Priestfield board after stepping down

By Greg Miles

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THE dust is still floating between the seats at Priestfield Stadium, let alone settling anywhere near the pitch, as club legend Andy Hessenthaler ponders whether to prolong his future at Gillingham Football Club.

The 46-year-old who agreed to step down as manager on Tuesday after showdown talks with chairman Paul Scally, has as yet, not cleared his desk, quite simply because he could be moving it up a few floors into a new office if he takes up a new role offered to him at the club.

Time will tell whether that will happen or not, in-fact Hessenthaler is set to mull over the possibility of becoming the football brain on the board of directors over the weekend.

"It's quite an exciting role, one I'm defiantly considering," he said. "I haven't decided on it yet, I will over the weekend.

"The title is director of the company to oversee footballing matters – from grass roots right through to senior – the chairman needs someone in the board room on the football side.

"With him living in Dubai he needs a bit more communication with people regarding the football side of that, I would be working with the manager as well with looking at players, if he identified someone he wants to look at I would have a look, I would go abroad to look at players coming in.

"If I did decide not to take up that new role, I would always be welcomed back here back, we are friends, and fans would welcome me

back, if I didn't stay I would come back and watch games, I'm a supporter, I will always support the club."

In the end, the decision to end his three year contract 12 months early came as no surprise to the man appointed to take the Gills back to the promised land of League One and beyond.

Two seasons of being agonizingly close to play-offs places when automatic promotion was assumed ended Hessenthaler's second spell in charge of a club he so clearly and dearly loves.

"We are friends," he said. "It wouldn't have been a good situation for him to be in, we had an honest conversation, I respect his wishes.

"It's not about me or the chairman, it's about the football club, and if he felt that was the right decision, he's done it with a lot of honesty, and I'm happy he's been honest with me and decided to move me on.

"I had an inkling (it would happen) because I know the chairman so well and he knows me so well, we know how each other work, I could tell leading up to the Morecambe game because of his demeanour, his body language, he wasn't himself.

"It wasn't a massive surprise to me, but when it happens it's disappointing. I was here as manager and I tried to achieve what we have all tried to achieve.

"Unfortunately we have just missed out two years in a row.

"Ultimately my remit was to get us out of this division.

"I respect that decision because I respect the man and the club."

Picture: ADY KERRY



HERE TO STAY? Andy Hessenthaler will decide on his future over the weekend

HARDEST DECISION EVER FOR SCALLY

GILLINGHAM chairman Paul Scally has said mutually agreeing to terminate Andy Hessenthaler's contract was his hardest ever decision.

It's no secret that the two are close friends, having been at the club together for a number of years.

He said: "It was, because Hussy's a close friend of mine, I had to try and divorce my friendship from my business head, and that wasn't very easy really and it's troubled me for a few days, a week now really.

"In my heart I knew it was the right decision, but it wasn't a decision I wanted to make. I had to make that decision because we couldn't progress the business without getting that sorted.

"I had a very fruitful chat with Hussy, being the honest man he is, he accepted a change was probably right, that's how it ended up.

"I think Andy has done a tremendous job for the football club over the past two years, he's, a loyal servant, he's an honest man, a man of great integrity, very hard working, and very dedicated, and of course he loves the club dearly.

"But for all that effort from him, his management team and the players, we weren't able to achieve what we thought was achievable, and getting out of this division, having had two attempts at it.

I felt in my heart it was right that he should step down and we should bring someone else in to take on what he's set up."



Picture: ADY KERRY

CRICKET

Paceman still on a learning curve but the signs are right for a bright future

KENT coach Jimmy Adams has backed bowling start Matt Coles to continue his good form, as long as he keeps the right attitude.

Coles has played a major part in putting the county among the early frontrunners of the LV= County Championship after four matches.

His form has warranted a call up to the England Lions squad which faces the West Indies in Northampton this week.

It comes off the back of a six wicket haul for just 32 runs that the 21-year-old right arm medium pace bowler took in the opening game of the CB40 against Yorkshire at Headingley last weekend.

Adams admitted he knew very little about the Kent squad other than the senior players, but could see the talent he had to work with once pre-season started.

He said: "He's in a really good vein of

form, and he's helping us win games on the back of that form which is very, very good, and long may it continue.

"I knew a few of the senior players, but I didn't know much about the rest of the players, including Matt.

"We have had a good pre-season together, he's a talented kid, he's shown the rest of the country just how talented he is."

West Indian Adams said everyone at the club was pleased for him to get another chance with the Lions squad, having joined them in the final stages of their tour of Bangladesh and Sri Lanka earlier this year.

He also spent time with the Potential England Performance Programme in Loughborough and Chennai.

"He's had some outstanding performances, I'm excited, and everyone in the

dressings room is over the moon for the kid.

"The kid has shown the talent, and attitude, he has an abundance of talent.

"If he applies that in the right way there's every chance he will be successful. "He's done well up to this point, let's see what happens.

"He's still on a learning curve. He has a good attitude, if he keeps that attitude I don't see why his career can't continue with good performances.

"Everybody is hoping he can keep up his good form because he's having an impact in every game he plays in."

When Coles hasn't had an input with the ball he has with the bat, shown when he scored 103 not out in the opening match of the county championship against Yorkshire at Headingley.

Since then he has taken 28 wickets in all competitions.

GOOD TIMES: Matt Coles' performances earn him Lions call up

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MOTORSPORT

Shakey's third time lucky as he clinches BSB victory

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SHEPPEY rider Shane Byrne claimed his team's first win of the British Superbike Championship season with an impressive ride at Oulton Park.

The former double title winner looked good for a podium place in the first race at the Cheshire circuit, but fuelling problems meant he dropped to 11th.

But he fought back in the second race with a second place, after being pipped to the post by Chris Walker in the closing laps.

However he clinched his first win of the season in the final race snatching advantage from defending champion Tommy Hill to take victory.

Stuart Easton continued to impress following his recovery from horrific injuries sustained in last year's North West 200 including a smashed pelvis and broken femur, as he carved his way up the order to ninth in the opening race before improving to fifth in race two. In the third race he took the lead and held the position throughout the early stages before a tight forearm in the closing stages dropped him to third, his first podium since before his crash last year.

Byrne said: "It is about time we had a win this year. The team want to win and there is nothing like standing on the top step of the podium."

"I think that the final race of the weekend was one of the best I have ever ridden and it was pretty close move between myself and Tommy in that neither of us wanted to be second and I didn't think he would give it up easily."

"All credit to the team though as they have



Picture: JON JESSOP PHOTOGRAPHY

LIFT OFF: Shane Byrne gets his first win of the season during last weekend's meet at Oulton Park

worked hard to get us up here and scoring those important podium credits."

Easton said: "It is great for me to get back on the podium again and to have led a race was where we want to be."

"We came quite close at Thruxton and to be 1.5 seconds off the win there was a good feeling."

"In the race I felt good at the front and then over the last six laps or so I had a tight forearm and it meant I was riding a bit scrappy in places and was running wide."

"It is critical, but I know I am capable of podiums again so I want to be up there fighting as I am nearly there now."

SWIMMING

Oliver makes a splash as club makes waves in French test

A SWIMMER from Sheerness has been among the medals in a competition in France.

Oliver Harrison, who swims for the Sheerness Swimming Club & Lifeguard Corps was selected for the Medway ASA team of 35 swimmers who competed in the 15th Meeting at Vallee de l'Aa Open Meet held at Lumbres in the Nord Pas de Calais region of France.

The team upheld the traditions set in previous years by returning home with a haul of medals totalling in excess of 50 across gold, silver and bronze in both individual and relay events.

Harrison's personal tally was silver and bronze in the team relays and a bronze in the 100m back-stroke.

If bringing home the medals wasn't enough he also set a personal best when winning bronze.

The performances of all the Medway team members, both medal winners and those who achieved top five positions in all events meant the team finished with the top club award.



MEDALS: Oliver Harrison

The feat is even more impressive given the competition of 14 clubs from around Belgium, and northern France.

It is hoped that more members of the Sheerness SC & LGC will follow in Harrison's footsteps at next year's event to bring home more medals.

FOOTBALL

Brickies' search goes on as Seager turns job down

SITTINGBOURNE'S hopes of appointing a new manager have taken a blow after former caretaker boss Marc Seager rejected the chance to manage the Brickies.

With player Joe Dowley stepping into the breach last season as manager of the Ryman One South side, chairman Andy Spice always knew the time would come when a replacement was needed.

And he had hoped that Seager, who took over for four games earlier this year while Dowley was away, would be that man.

But he told Mr Spice that he couldn't offer the commitment needed.

He is hopeful of appointing a new manager in the next two weeks.

"At the moment he's concentrating on his golf and family, and he couldn't commit," said Mr Spice.

"We have got the advert out, so we will wait to see who does apply."

"I think Marc would have done a good job, I never ever look at the deal until it's done so it doesn't worry me."

"We will get somebody who will do the job, I am sure we will be fine."



TURNED DOWN: Marc Seager

"We will leave it a couple of weeks to see who comes along, we are actually talking to somebody at the moment."

"I gave Marc plenty of time, he did four games for us earlier this season."

"He works for me, I have known him since he was of no age at all."

"I thought about a week ago he wasn't going to do it, I thought I'd give him until the Friday."

"It was a big decision, Marc is one of those people who is 150 per cent or nothing."

"But he could not give it that commitment."

"Fair play to him, he knows what he wants, we are still good friends."

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL FOCUS

WITH FRED ATKINS

Guide to end of season awards

“IT'S the time of year when you're press-ganged into attending the end-of-season award ceremony your club was press-ganged into buying tickets for at an extortionate rate by its league or whomever.

It'll probably be held at a golf club or a hotel somewhere near a motorway junction and the chances are you'll spend most of the time pretending you like a great number of people you actively despise.

The food will be as lifeless as Cliftonville on a Bank Holiday and while you're attempting to digest it an official will make a speech so unamusing it could have been drafted by the people who write links on South East Today - though you'll have to laugh at it for fear that if you don't your name will be noted in someone's little black book.

A "comedian" will then do a routine. He will be at least 75 years of age, will sport the kind of wig even Paul Daniels would dismiss as unconvincing and his repertoire will include a barrage of sub-Jim Davidson gags.

("Take my wife ladies and gentleman. No please, take my wife ...").

The experience is a bit like being trapped in a 1970s theme bar and there are only two ways to get through it.

The first is to drink heavily throughout. Ignore the government advice against pre-loading and take a hip flask because the wine you order on your credit card will cost northwards of £30.

The second is to place bets on where the first fight will break out - and in every league there's always a favourite - and watch as the tensions that have simmered throughout the season boil over.

The awards themselves will be tossed out to a few people who deserve them and a few more who don't.

Some alternative gongs might liven things up a little. The award for "Least Surprising Managerial Dismissal of the Year" this year would have to go to Dover for their sterling efforts in getting rid of Martin Hayes just weeks after entrusting the playing budget to him.

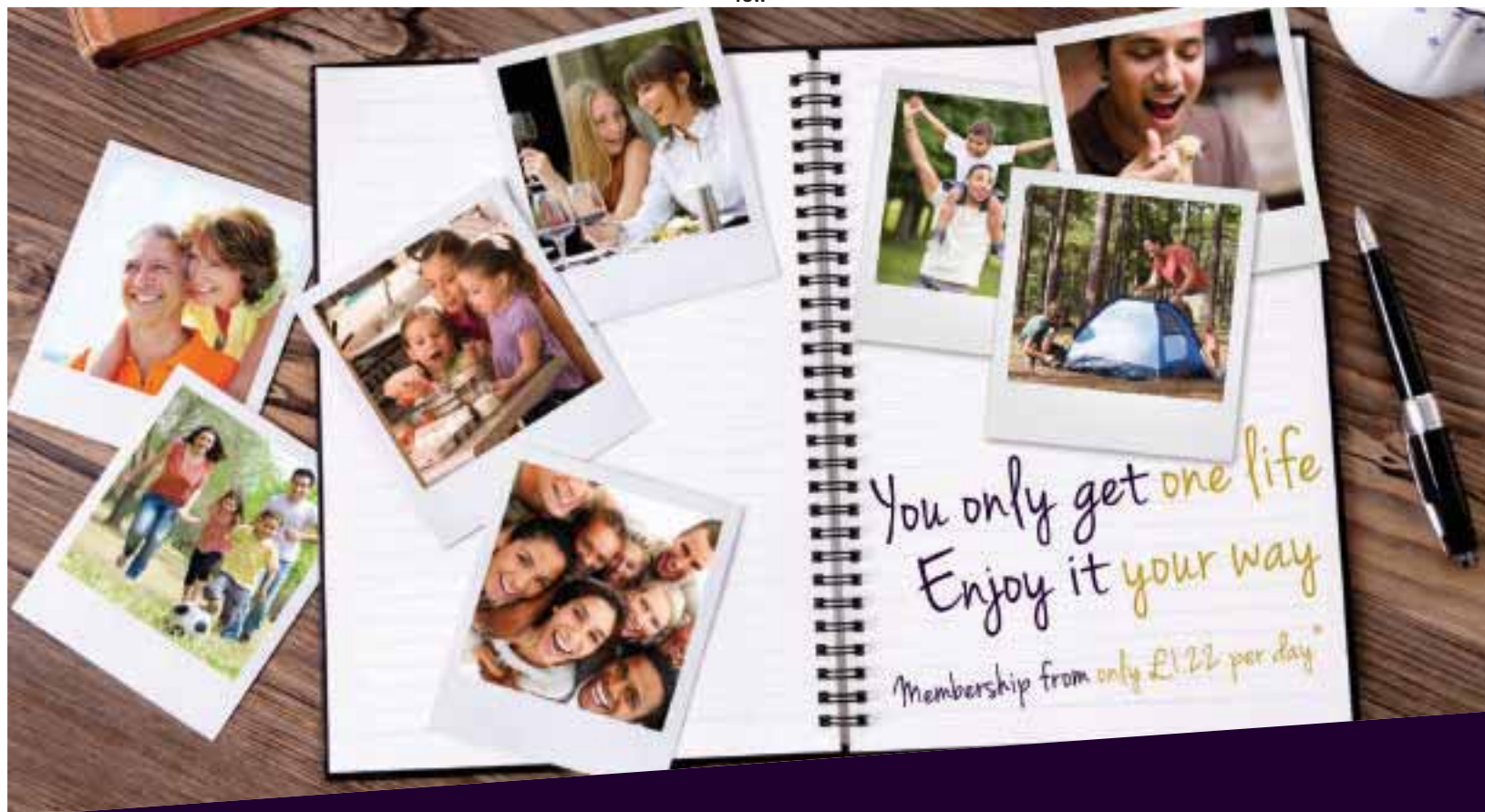
"Most Distressing Trend Copied from the Premier League"? How about the Sheerness Armwarmer, the tattoo every semi-professional now feels he has to have so he can look like Daniel Agger.

Competition would be at its fiercest for the "Most Cretinous Bureaucratic Decision of the Year Award" so perhaps a separate lifetime achievement medal could be commissioned for services to institutional pomposity?

"Freeloader of the Year" would also be eagerly contested by the suited officials who turn up in boardrooms and rate clubs by the standard of vol-au-vent offered.

It'd make things a little more lively than the "Long and Meritorious Service Award" which should only be handed out to anyone who can listen to that sentence without wanting to blow their brains out.





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